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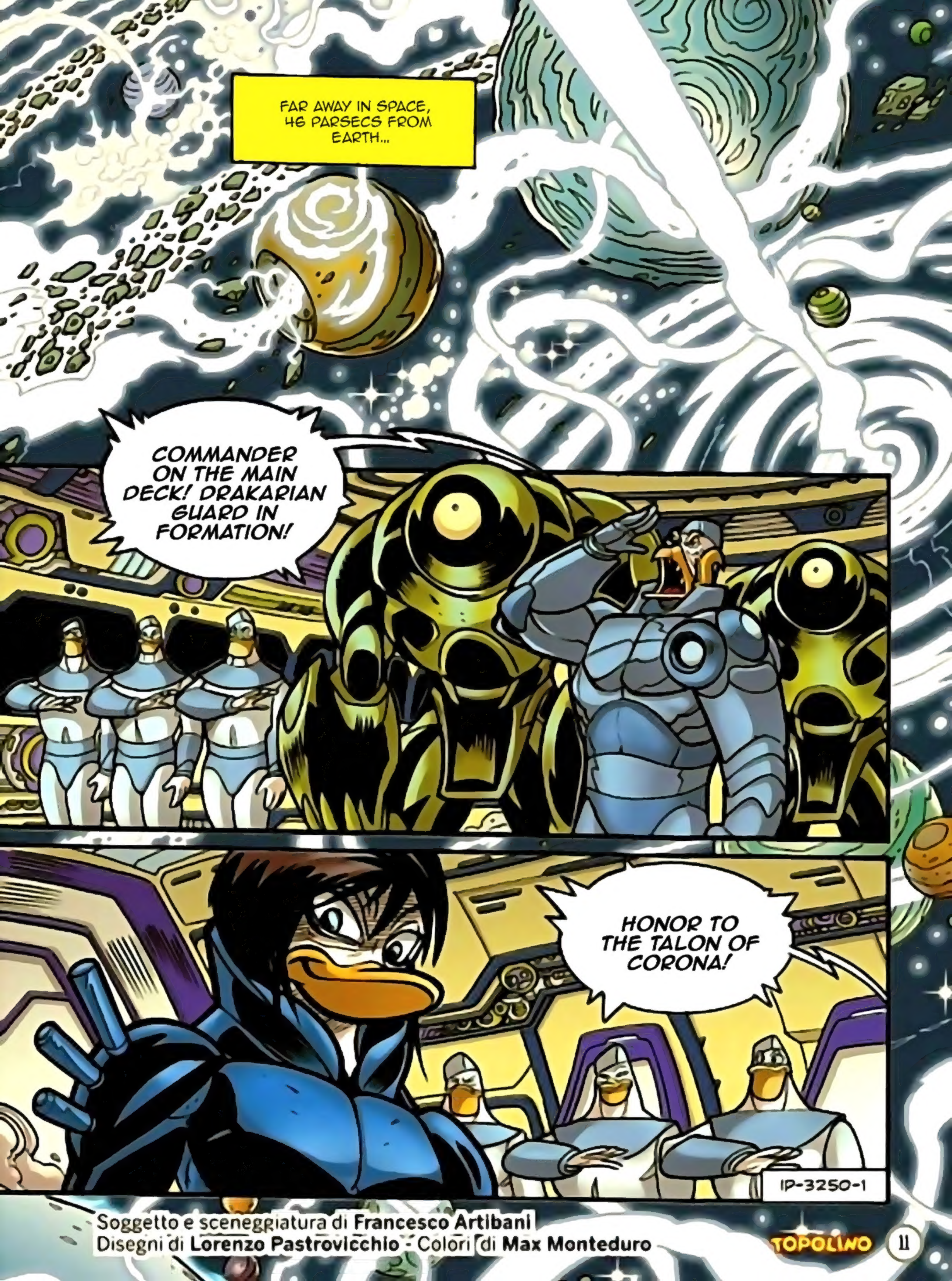
FAR AWAY IN SPACE, 46 PARSECS FROM EARTH...
COMMANDER ON THE MAIN DECK! DRAKARIAN GUARD IN FORMATION!
HONOR TO THE TALON OF CORONA!
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THE EMPLACEMENTS ARE OPERATIONAL, LADY DUCKLAIR! CONVERSION FIELDS HAVE BEEN ACTIVATED! TEMPERATURE OF THE ENTROPIC TRANSFORMERS IS AT **2800 DEGREES!**
BRING THEM UP TO **MAXIMUM!**
UH... A-ARE YOU CERTAIN? I THOUGHT THIS WOULD ONLY BE A **TEST!**
AND IT IS! TODAY WE'LL TEST THE SYSTEM'S POWER, MY TECHNICIANS' READINESS, AND ALSO YOUR NERVES, FIRST OBSERVER!
WE'RE HERE TO EXCEED THE **LIMITS** OF THE UNIVERSE AND OF KNOWLEDGE! CORONA'S EMPIRE WILL HAVE NO BOUNDARIES!
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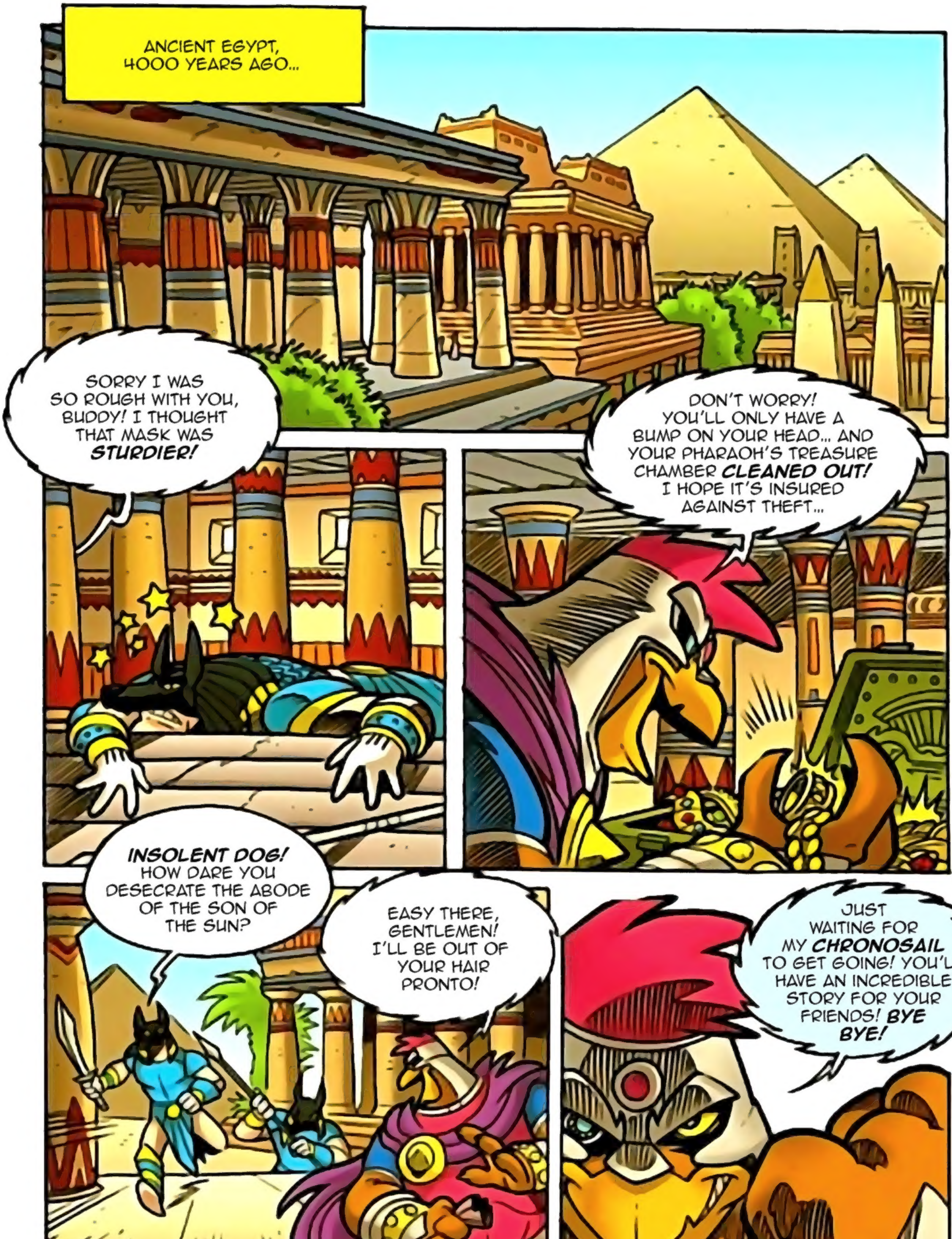
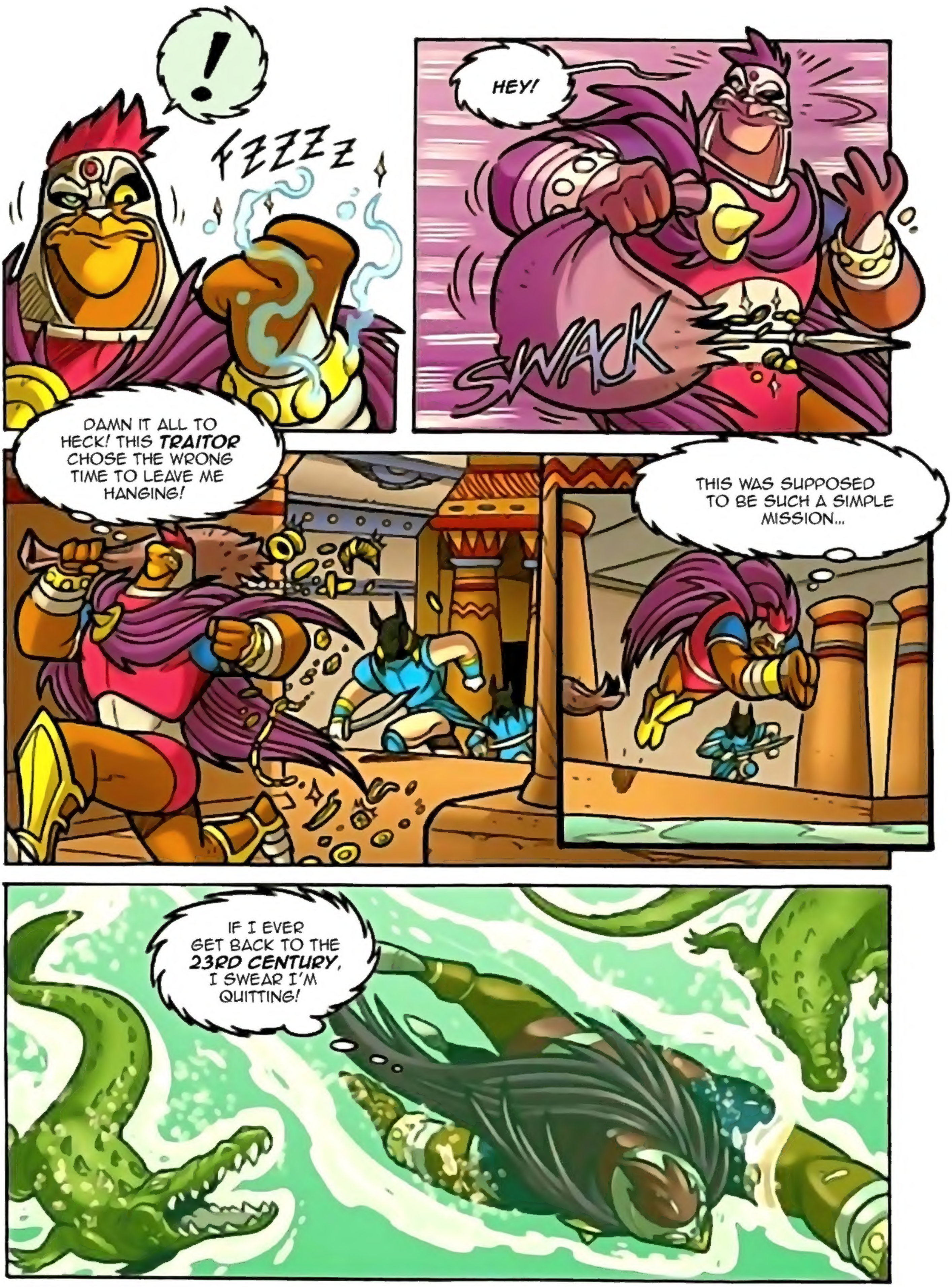

ANCIENT EGYPT, 4000 YEARS AGO...
SORRY I WAS SO ROUGH WITH YOU, BUDDY! I THOUGHT THAT MASK WAS **STURDIER!**
DON'T WORRY! YOU'LL ONLY HAVE A BUMP ON YOUR HEAD... AND YOUR PHARAOH'S TREASURE CHAMBER **CLEANED OUT!** I HOPE IT'S INSURED AGAINST THEFT...
INSOLENT DOG! HOW DARE YOU DESECRATE THE ABODE OF THE SON OF THE SUN?
EASY THERE, GENTLEMEN! I'LL BE OUT OF YOUR HAIR PRONTO!
JUST WAITING FOR MY **CHRONOSAIL** TO GET GOING! YOU'LL HAVE AN INCREDIBLE STORY FOR YOUR FRIENDS! **BYE BYE!**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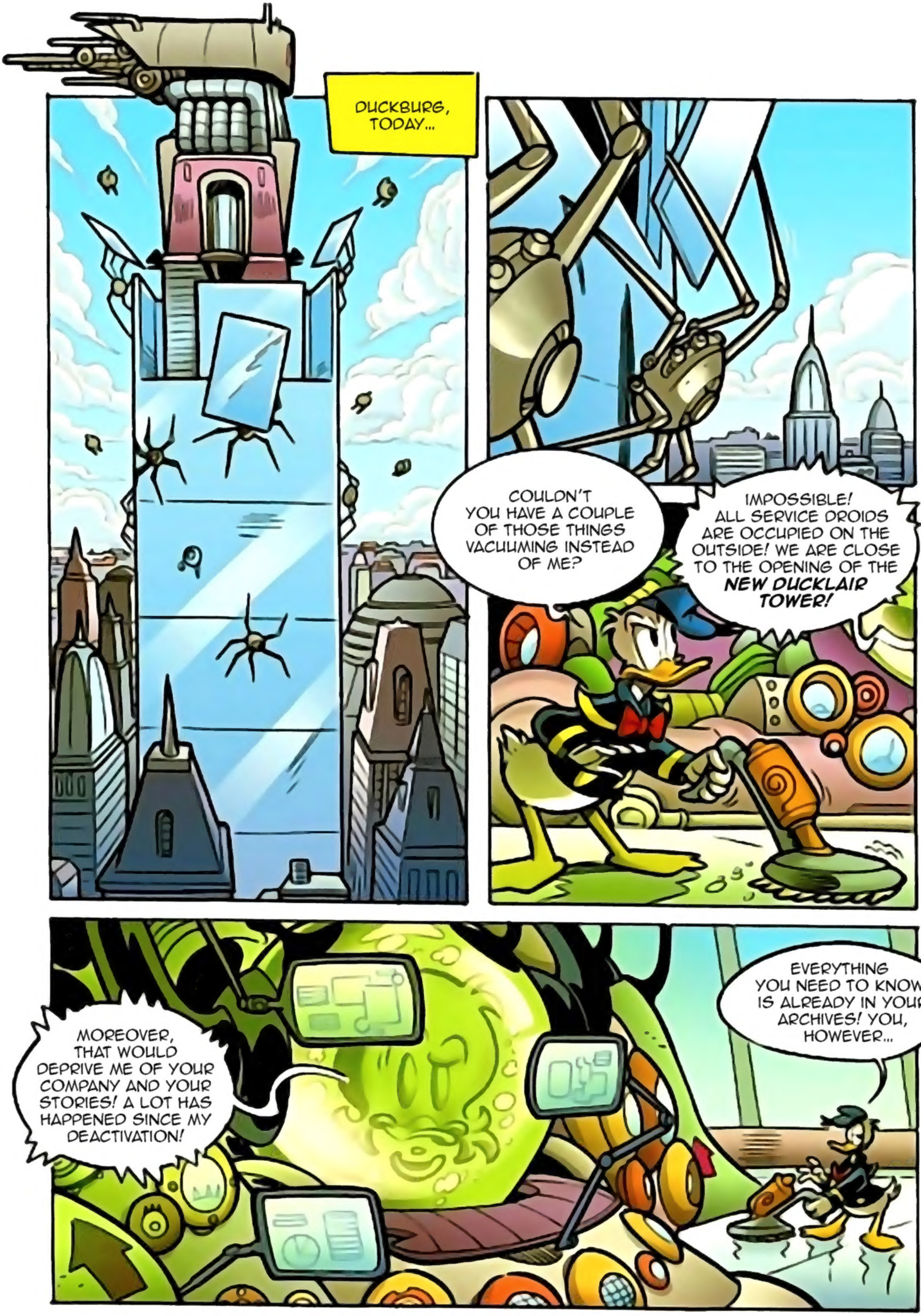
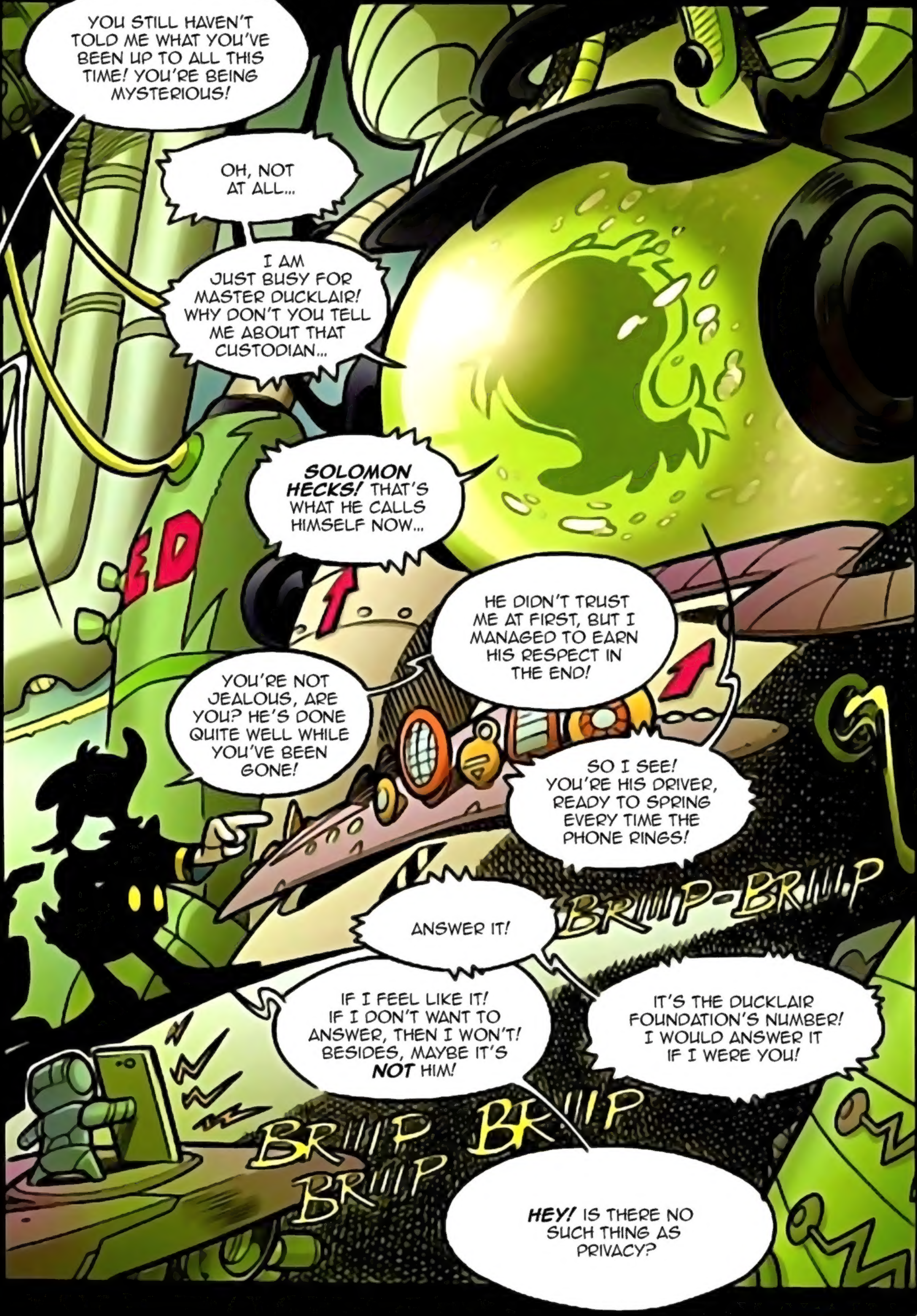
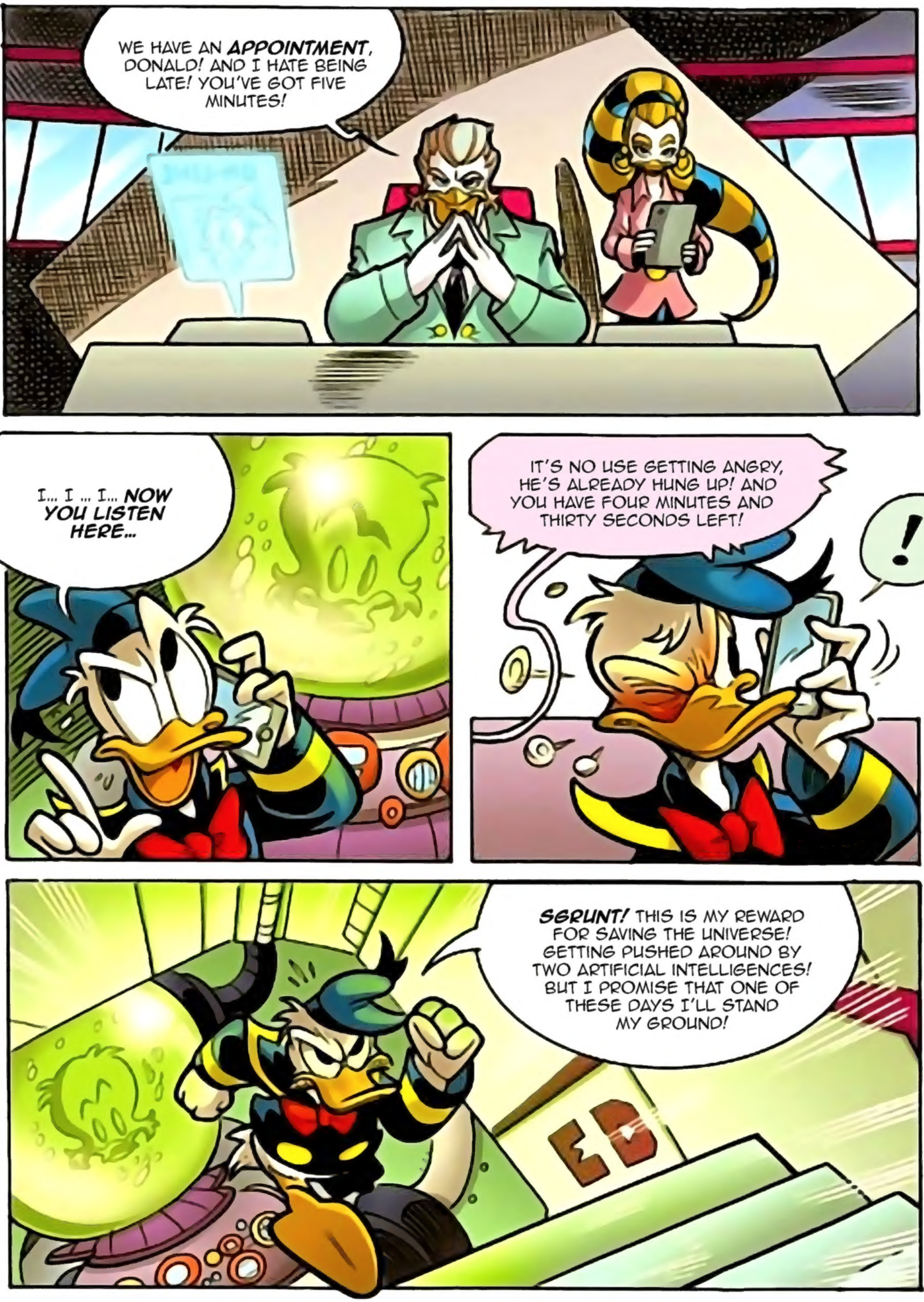
FZZZZ
HEY!
SWACK
DAMN IT ALL TO HECK! THIS **TRAITOR** CHOSE THE WRONG TIME TO LEAVE ME HANGING!
THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE SUCH A SIMPLE MISSION...
IF I EVER GET BACK TO THE **23RD CENTURY**, I SWEAR I'M QUITTING!


DUCKBURG, TODAY...
COULDN'T YOU HAVE A COUPLE OF THOSE THINGS VACUUMING INSTEAD OF ME?
IMPOSSIBLE! ALL SERVICE DROIDS ARE OCCUPIED ON THE OUTSIDE! WE ARE CLOSE TO THE OPENING OF THE ***NEW DUCKLAIR TOWER!***
MOREOVER, THAT WOULD DEPRIVE ME OF YOUR COMPANY AND YOUR STORIES! A LOT HAS HAPPENED SINCE MY DEACTIVATION!
EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW IS ALREADY IN YOUR ARCHIVES! YOU, HOWEVER...


YOU STILL HAVEN'T TOLD ME WHAT YOU'VE BEEN UP TO ALL THIS TIME! YOU'RE BEING MYSTERIOUS!
OH, NOT AT ALL...
I AM JUST BUSY FOR MASTER DUCKLAIR! WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME ABOUT THAT CUSTODIAN...
SOLOMON HECKS! THAT'S WHAT HE CALLS HIMSELF NOW...
HE DIDN'T TRUST ME AT FIRST, BUT I MANAGED TO EARN HIS RESPECT IN THE END!
YOU'RE NOT JEALOUS, ARE YOU? HE'S DONE QUITE WELL WHILE YOU'VE BEEN GONE!
SO I SEE! YOU'RE HIS DRIVER, READY TO SPRING EVERY TIME THE PHONE RINGS!
BRIIIP-BRIIIP
ANSWER IT!
IF I FEEL LIKE IT! IF I DON'T WANT TO ANSWER, THEN I WON'T! BESIDES, MAYBE IT'S NOT HIM!
IT'S THE DUCKLAIR FOUNDATION'S NUMBER! I WOULD ANSWER IT IF I WERE YOU!
BRIIIP BRIIIP BRIIIP
HEY! IS THERE NO SUCH THING AS PRIVACY?


WE HAVE AN **APPOINTMENT**, DONALD! AND I HATE BEING LATE! YOU'VE GOT FIVE MINUTES!
I... I ... I... **NOW YOU LISTEN HERE...**
IT'S NO USE GETTING ANGRY, HE'S ALREADY HUNG UP! AND YOU HAVE FOUR MINUTES AND THIRTY SECONDS LEFT!
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SGRUNT! THIS IS MY REWARD FOR SAVING THE UNIVERSE! GETTING PUSHED AROUND BY TWO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCES! BUT I PROMISE THAT ONE OF THESE DAYS I'LL STAND MY GROUND!
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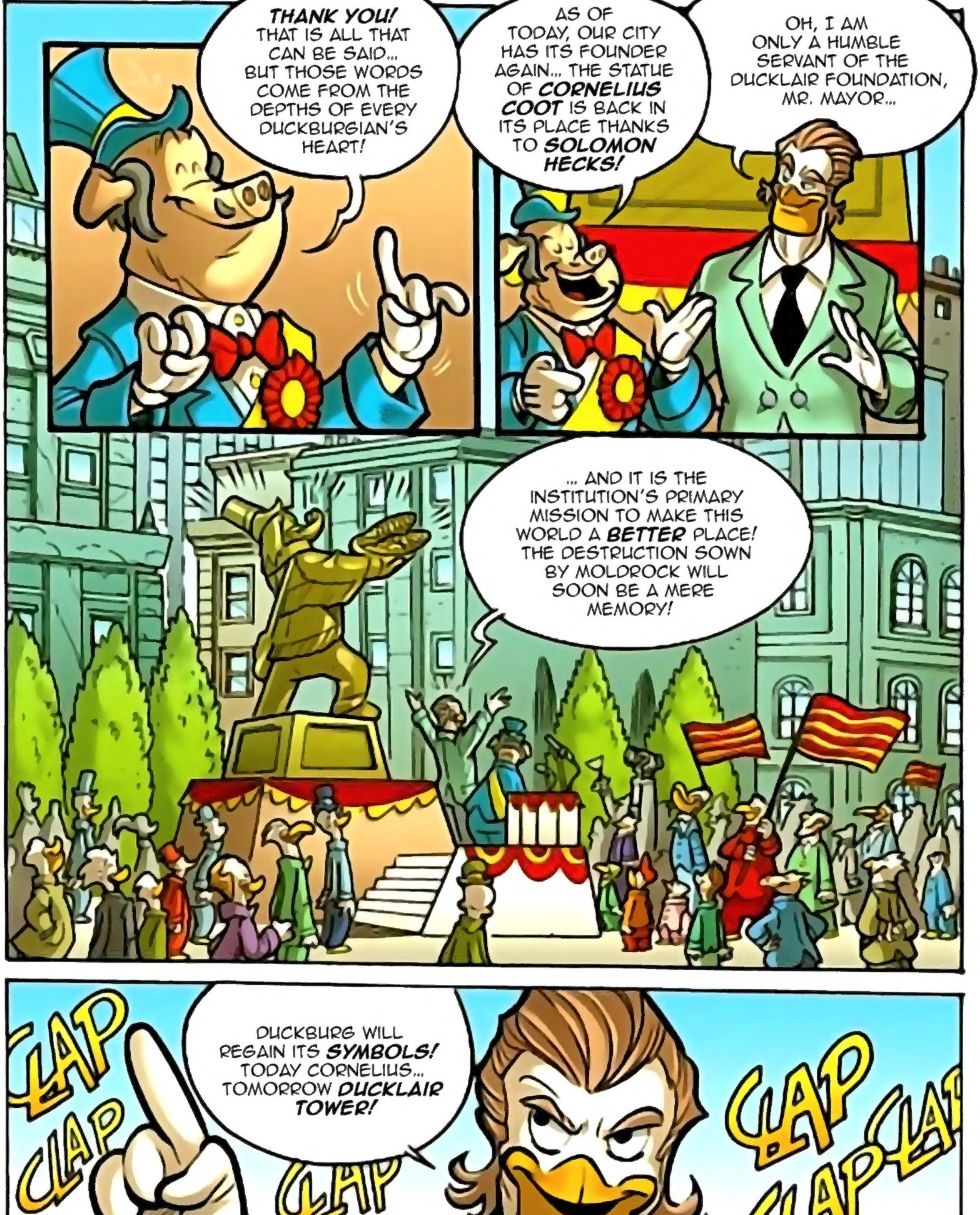
THANK YOU! THAT IS ALL THAT CAN BE SAID... BUT THOSE WORDS COME FROM THE DEPTHS OF EVERY DUCKBURGIAN'S HEART!
AS OF TODAY, OUR CITY HAS ITS FOUNDER AGAIN... THE STATUE OF CORNELIUS COOT IS BACK IN ITS PLACE THANKS TO SOLOMON HECKS!
OH, I AM ONLY A HUMBLE SERVANT OF THE DUCKLAIR FOUNDATION, MR. MAYOR...
... AND IT IS THE INSTITUTION'S PRIMARY MISSION TO MAKE THIS WORLD A BETTER PLACE! THE DESTRUCTION SOWN BY MOLDROCK WILL SOON BE A MERE MEMORY!
CLAP
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DUCKBURG WILL REGAIN ITS SYMBOLS! TODAY CORNELIUS... TOMORROW DUCKLAIR TOWER!
CLAP
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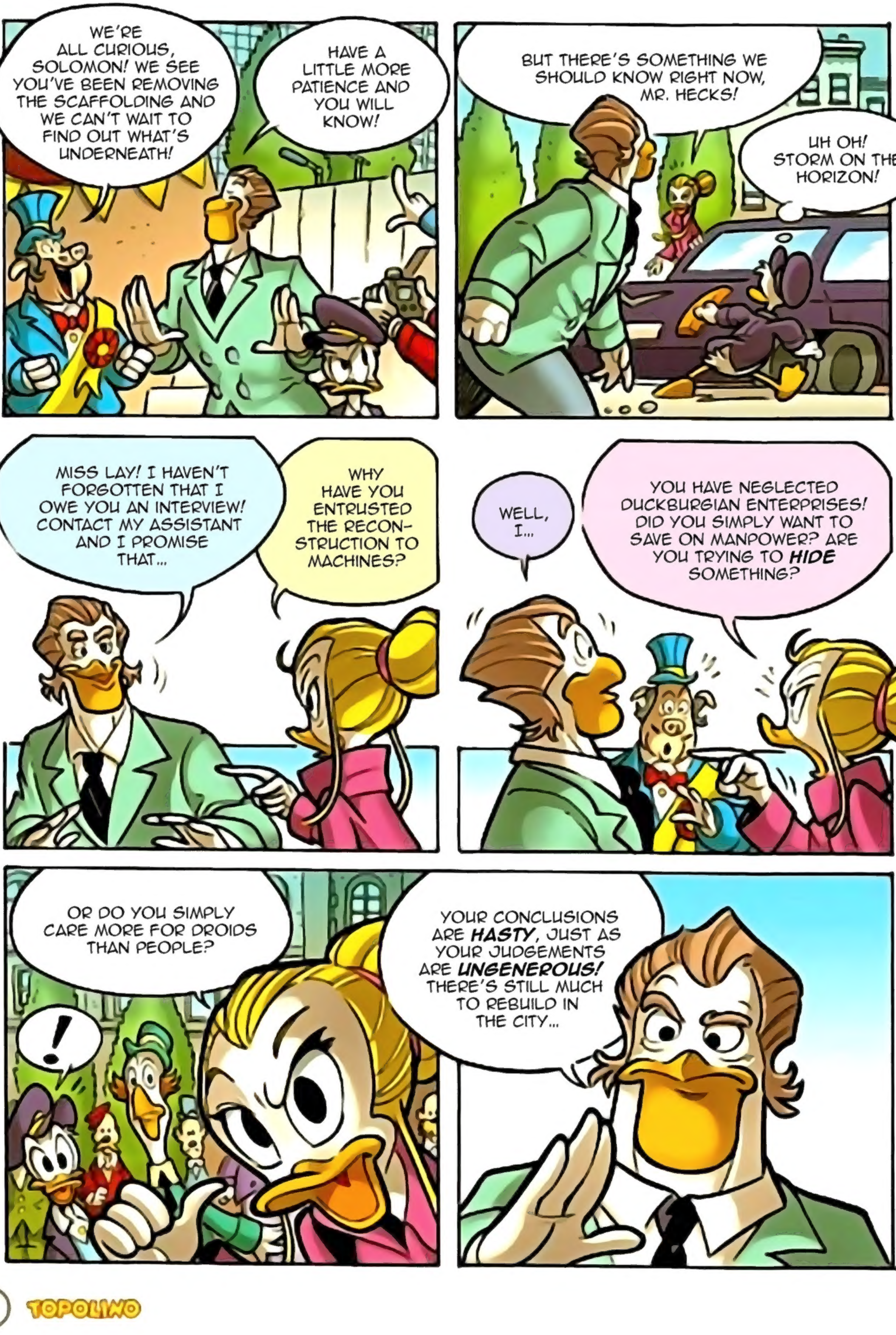
WE'RE ALL CURIOUS, SOLOMON! WE SEE YOU'VE BEEN REMOVING THE SCAFFOLDING AND WE CAN'T WAIT TO FIND OUT WHAT'S UNDERNEATH!
HAVE A LITTLE MORE PATIENCE AND YOU WILL KNOW!
BUT THERE'S SOMETHING WE SHOULD KNOW RIGHT NOW, MR. HECKS!
UH OH! STORM ON THE HORIZON!
MISS LAY! I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN THAT I OWE YOU AN INTERVIEW! CONTACT MY ASSISTANT AND I PROMISE THAT...
WHY HAVE YOU ENTRUSTED THE RECONSTRUCTION TO MACHINES?
WELL, I...
YOU HAVE NEGLECTED DUCKBURGIAN ENTERPRISES! DID YOU SIMPLY WANT TO SAVE ON MANPOWER? ARE YOU TRYING TO **HIDE** SOMETHING?
OR DO YOU SIMPLY CARE MORE FOR DROIDS THAN PEOPLE?
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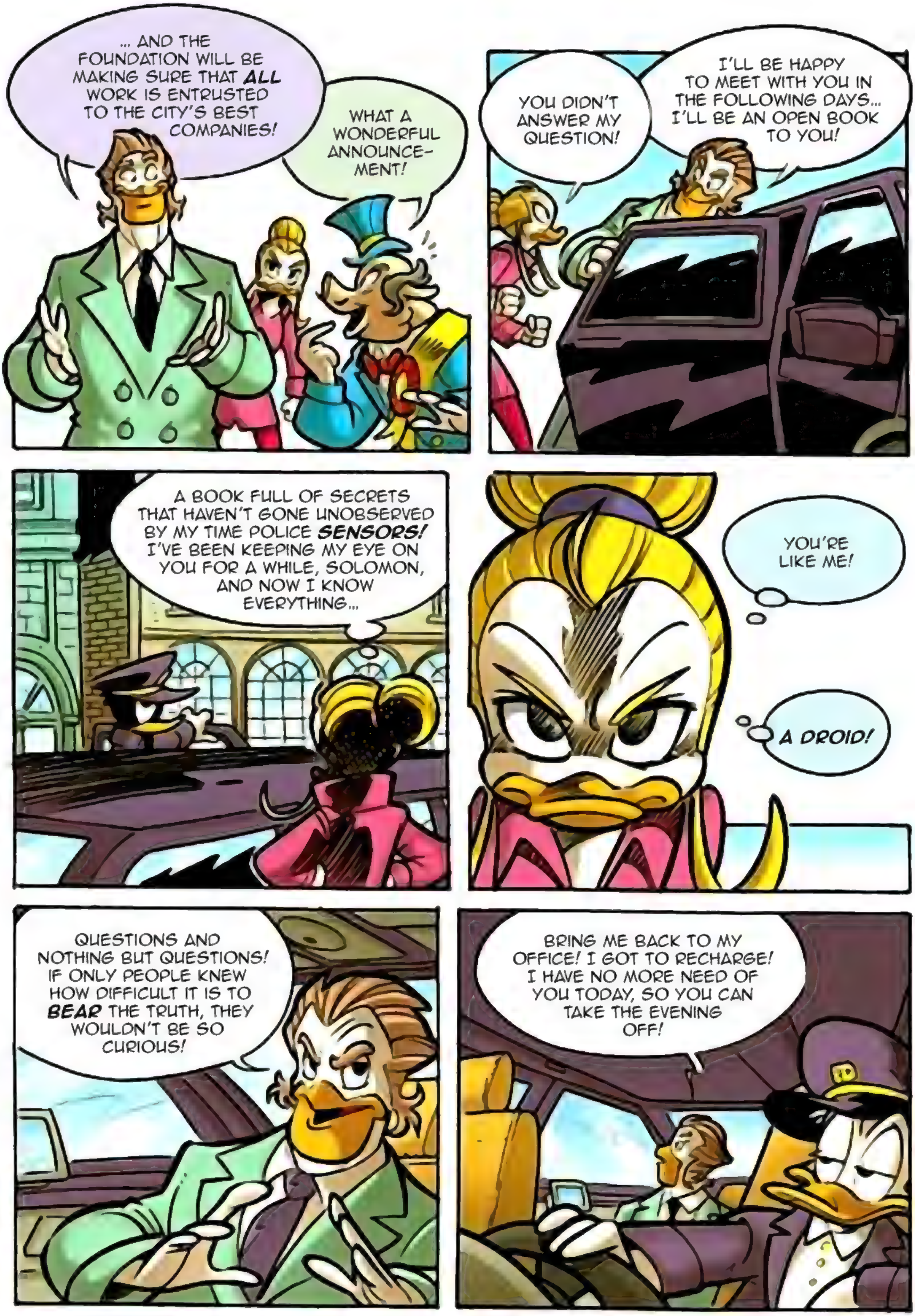
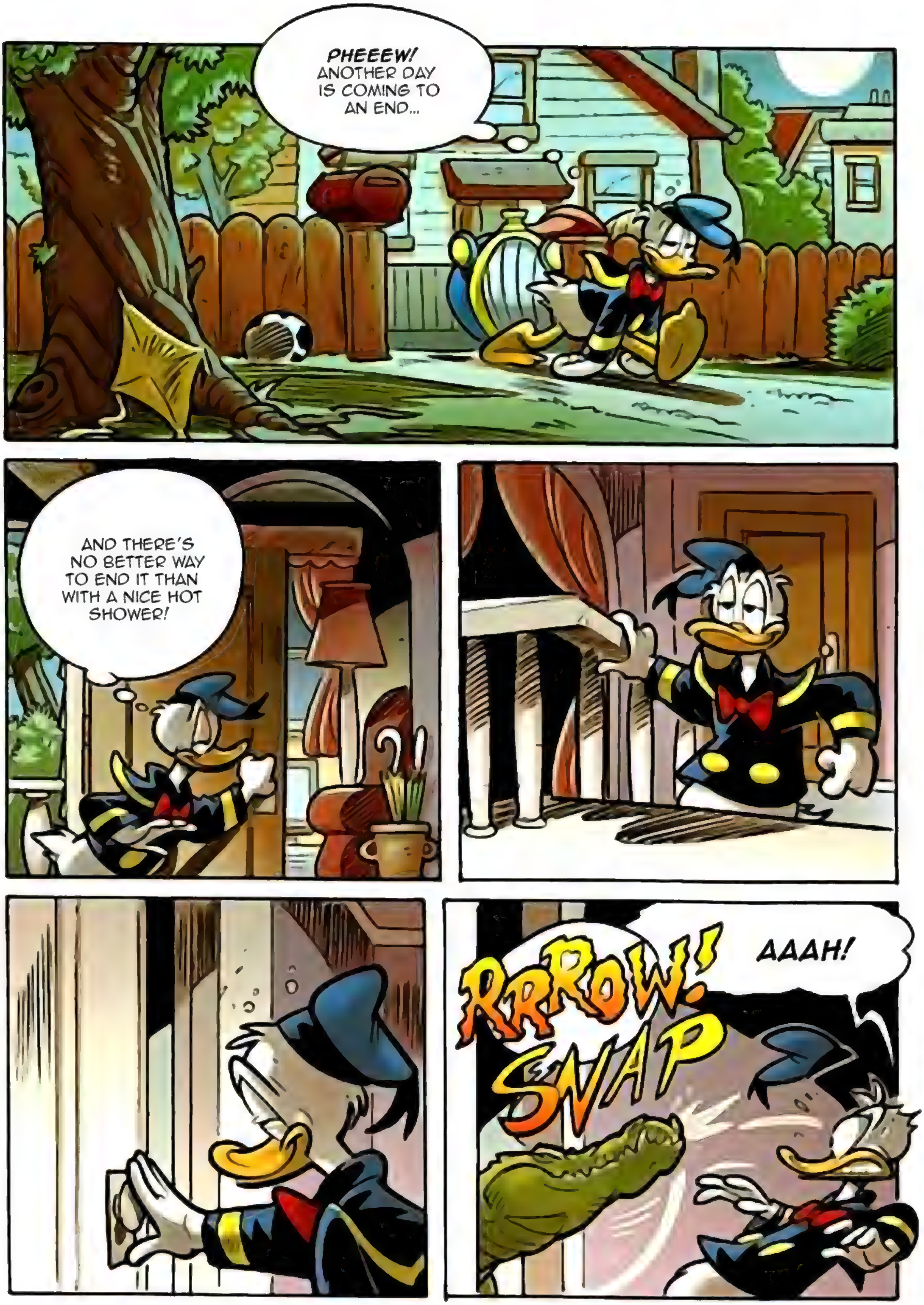
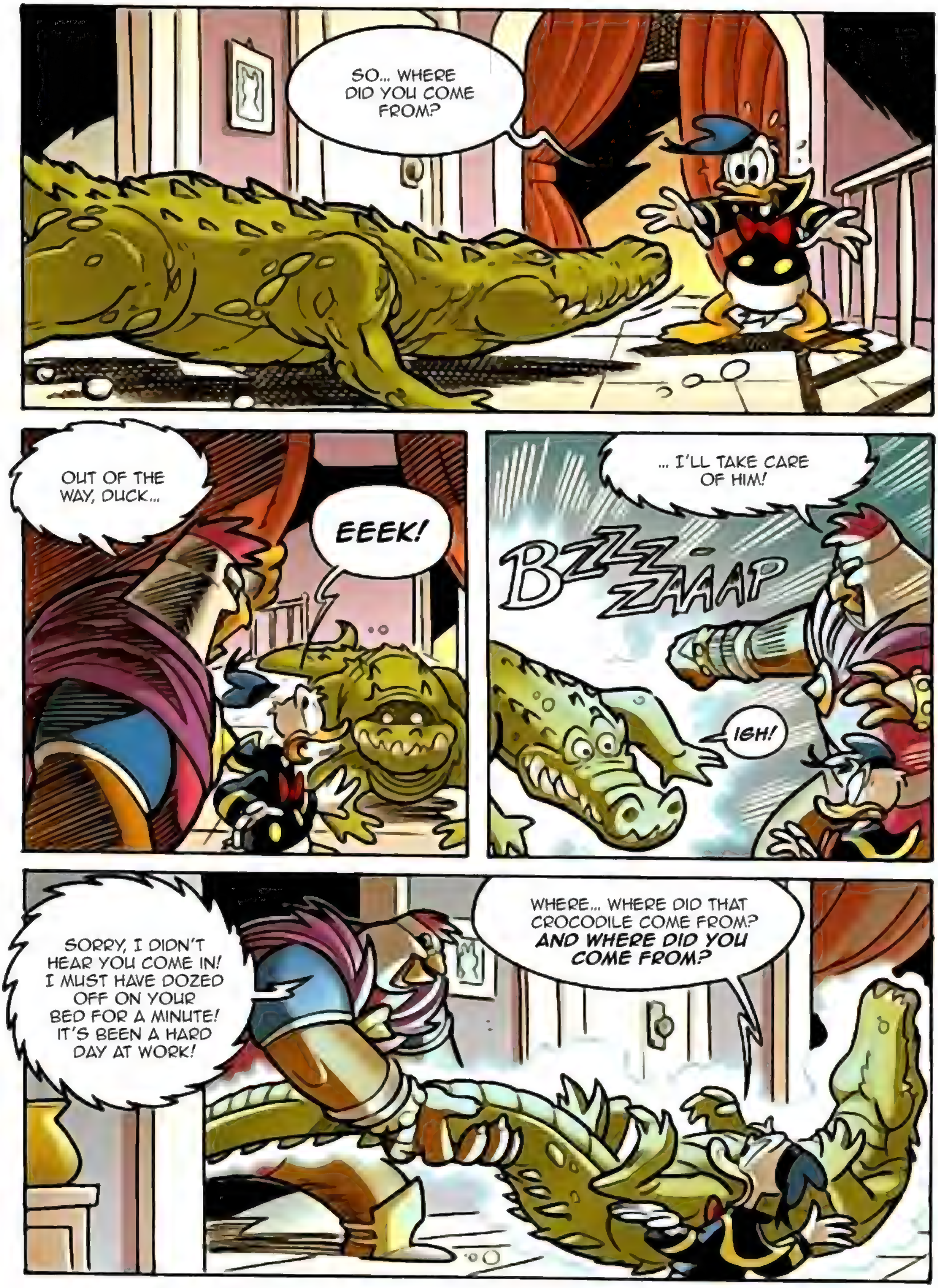
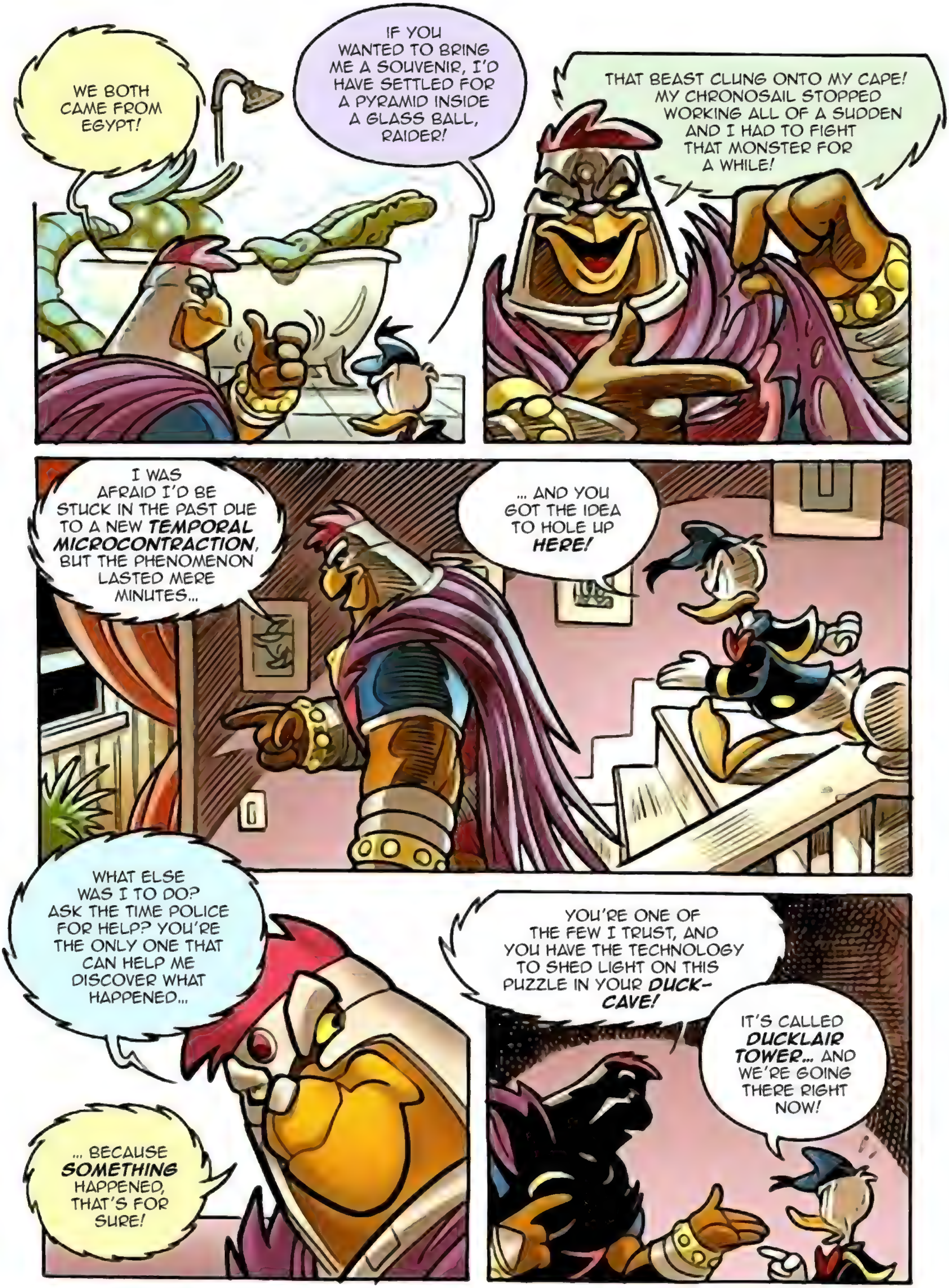
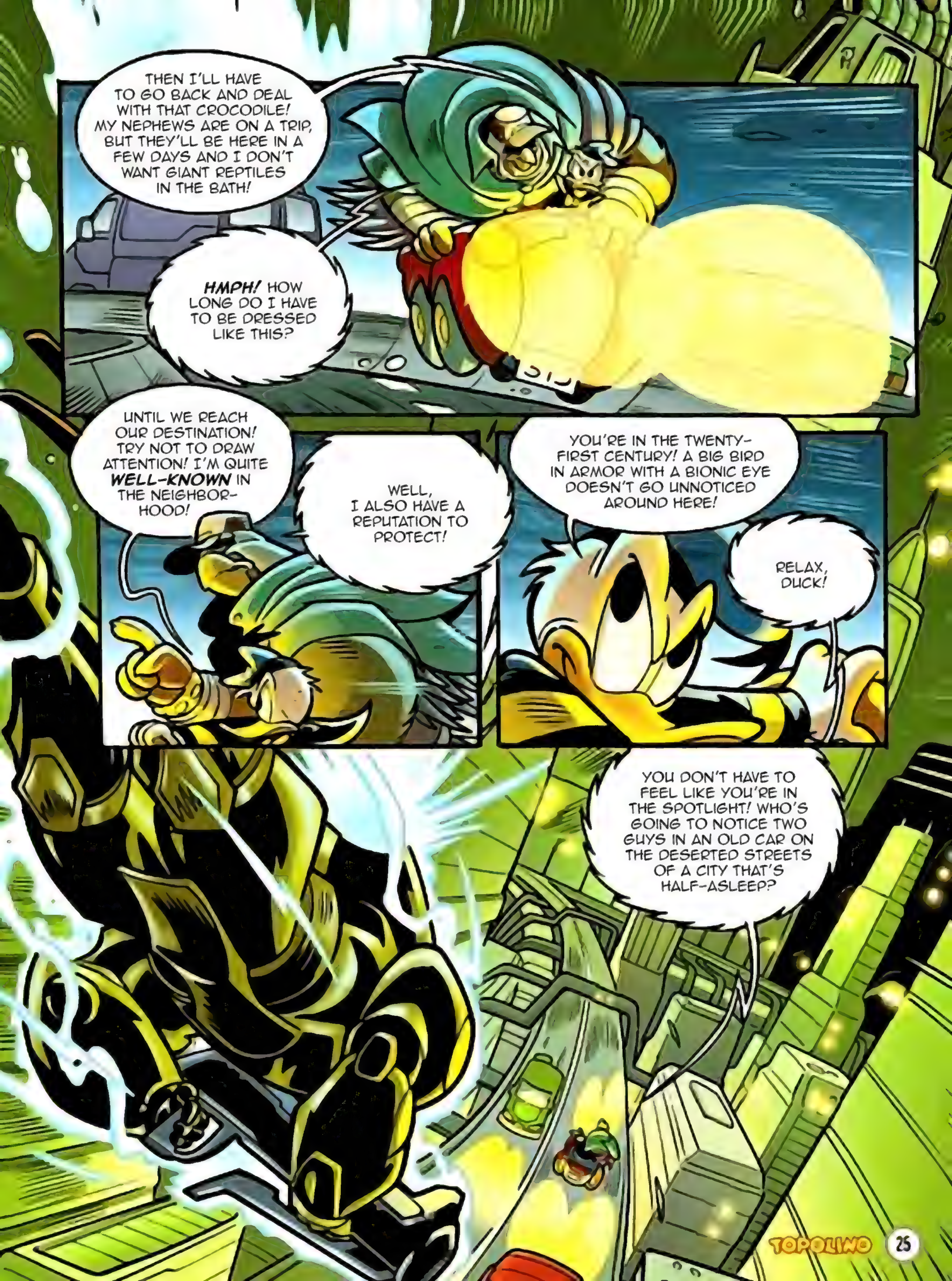
YOUR CONCLUSIONS ARE **HASTY**, JUST AS YOUR JUDGEMENTS ARE **UNGENEROUS!** THERE'S STILL MUCH TO REBUILD IN THE CITY...

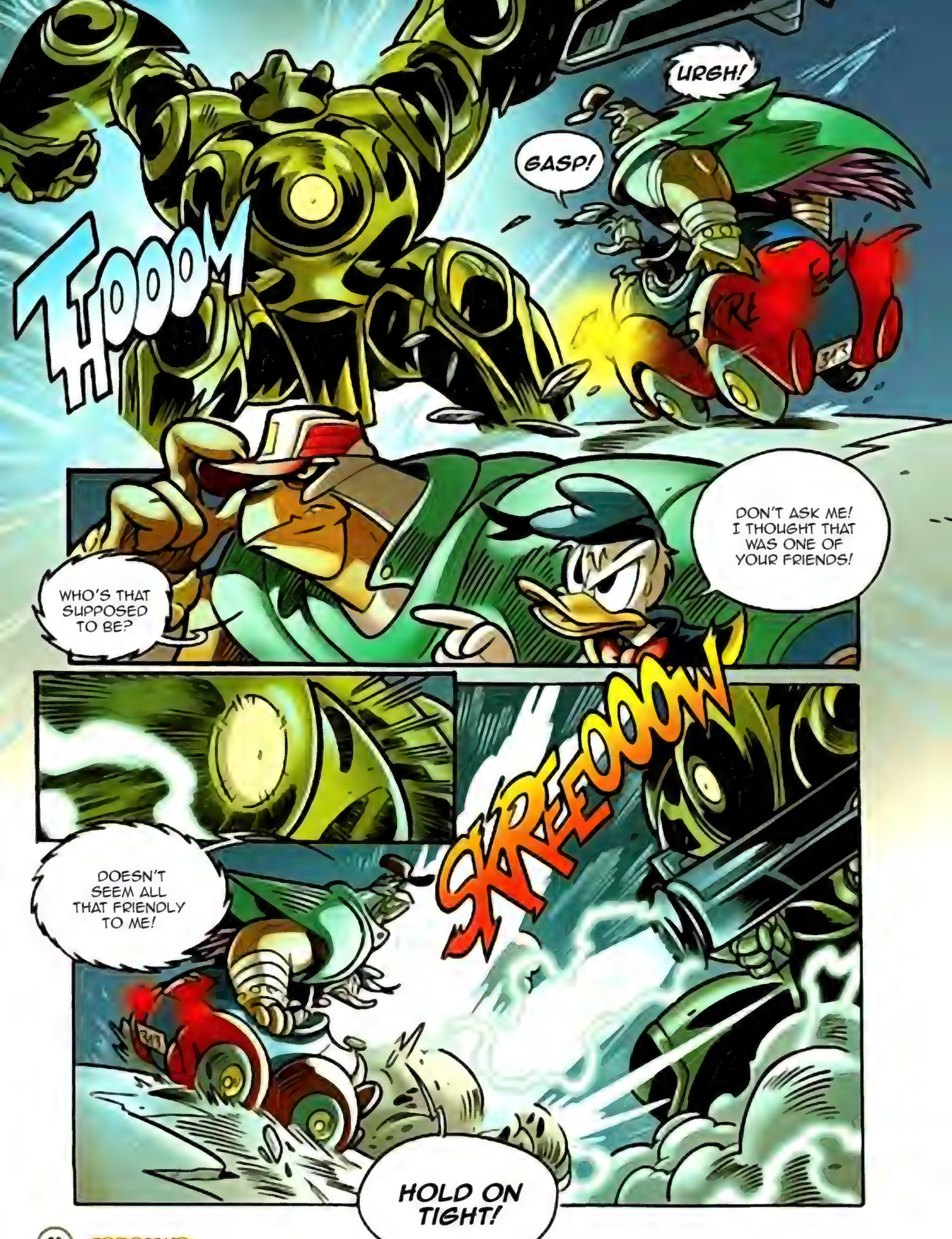

... AND THE FOUNDATION WILL BE MAKING SURE THAT **ALL** WORK IS ENTRUSTED TO THE CITY'S BEST COMPANIES!
WHAT A WONDERFUL ANNOUNCEMENT!
YOU DIDN'T ANSWER MY QUESTION!
I'LL BE HAPPY TO MEET WITH YOU IN THE FOLLOWING DAYS... I'LL BE AN OPEN BOOK TO YOU!
A BOOK FULL OF SECRETS THAT HAVEN'T GONE UNOBSERVED BY MY TIME POLICE ***SENSORS!*** I'VE BEEN KEEPING MY EYE ON YOU FOR A WHILE, SOLOMON, AND NOW I KNOW EVERYTHING...
YOU'RE LIKE ME!
A DROID!
QUESTIONS AND NOTHING BUT QUESTIONS! IF ONLY PEOPLE KNEW HOW DIFFICULT IT IS TO ***BEAR*** THE TRUTH, THEY WOULDN'T BE SO CURIOUS!
BRING ME BACK TO MY OFFICE! I GOT TO RECHARGE! I HAVE NO MORE NEED OF YOU TODAY, SO YOU CAN TAKE THE EVENING OFF!


PHEEEW! ANOTHER DAY IS COMING TO AN END...
AND THERE'S NO BETTER WAY TO END IT THAN WITH A NICE HOT SHOWER!
RRROW!
SNAP
AAAH!


SO... WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?
OUT OF THE WAY, DUCK...
EEEK!
... I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM!
BZZZ-ZAAAP
IGH!
SORRY, I DIDN'T HEAR YOU COME IN! I MUST HAVE DOZED OFF ON YOUR BED FOR A MINUTE! IT'S BEEN A HARD DAY AT WORK!
WHERE... WHERE DID THAT CROCODILE COME FROM? **AND WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?**


WE BOTH CAME FROM EGYPT!
IF YOU WANTED TO BRING ME A SOUVENIR, I'D HAVE SETTLED FOR A PYRAMID INSIDE A GLASS BALL, RAIDER!
THAT BEAST CLUNG ONTO MY CAPE! MY CHRONOSAIL STOPPED WORKING ALL OF A SUDDEN AND I HAD TO FIGHT THAT MONSTER FOR A WHILE!
I WAS AFRAID I'D BE STUCK IN THE PAST DUE TO A NEW **TEMPORAL MICROCONTRACTION**, BUT THE PHENOMENON LASTED MERE MINUTES...
... AND YOU GOT THE IDEA TO HOLE UP **HERE!**
WHAT ELSE WAS I TO DO? ASK THE TIME POLICE FOR HELP? YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE THAT CAN HELP ME DISCOVER WHAT HAPPENED...
... BECAUSE **SOMETHING** HAPPENED, THAT'S FOR SURE!
YOU'RE ONE OF THE FEW I TRUST, AND YOU HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY TO SHED LIGHT ON THIS PUZZLE IN YOUR **DUCK-CAVE!**
IT'S CALLED **DUCKLAIR TOWER...** AND WE'RE GOING THERE RIGHT NOW!


THEN I'LL HAVE TO GO BACK AND DEAL WITH THAT CROCODILE! MY NEPHEWS ARE ON A TRIP, BUT THEY'LL BE HERE IN A FEW DAYS AND I DON'T WANT GIANT REPTILES IN THE BATH!
HMPH! HOW LONG DO I HAVE TO BE DRESSED LIKE THIS?
UNTIL WE REACH OUR DESTINATION! TRY NOT TO DRAW ATTENTION! I'M QUITE **WELL-KNOWN** IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD!
WELL, I ALSO HAVE A REPUTATION TO PROTECT!
YOU'RE IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY! A BIG BIRD IN ARMOR WITH A BIONIC EYE DOESN'T GO UNNOTICED AROUND HERE!
RELAX, DUCK!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO FEEL LIKE YOU'RE IN THE SPOTLIGHT! WHO'S GOING TO NOTICE TWO GUYS IN AN OLD CAR ON THE DESERTED STREETS OF A CITY THAT'S HALF-ASLEEP?


THOOM
GASP!
URGH!
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WHO'S THAT SUPPOSED TO BE?
DON'T ASK ME! I THOUGHT THAT WAS ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS!
SKREEOOOW
DOESN'T SEEM ALL THAT FRIENDLY TO ME!
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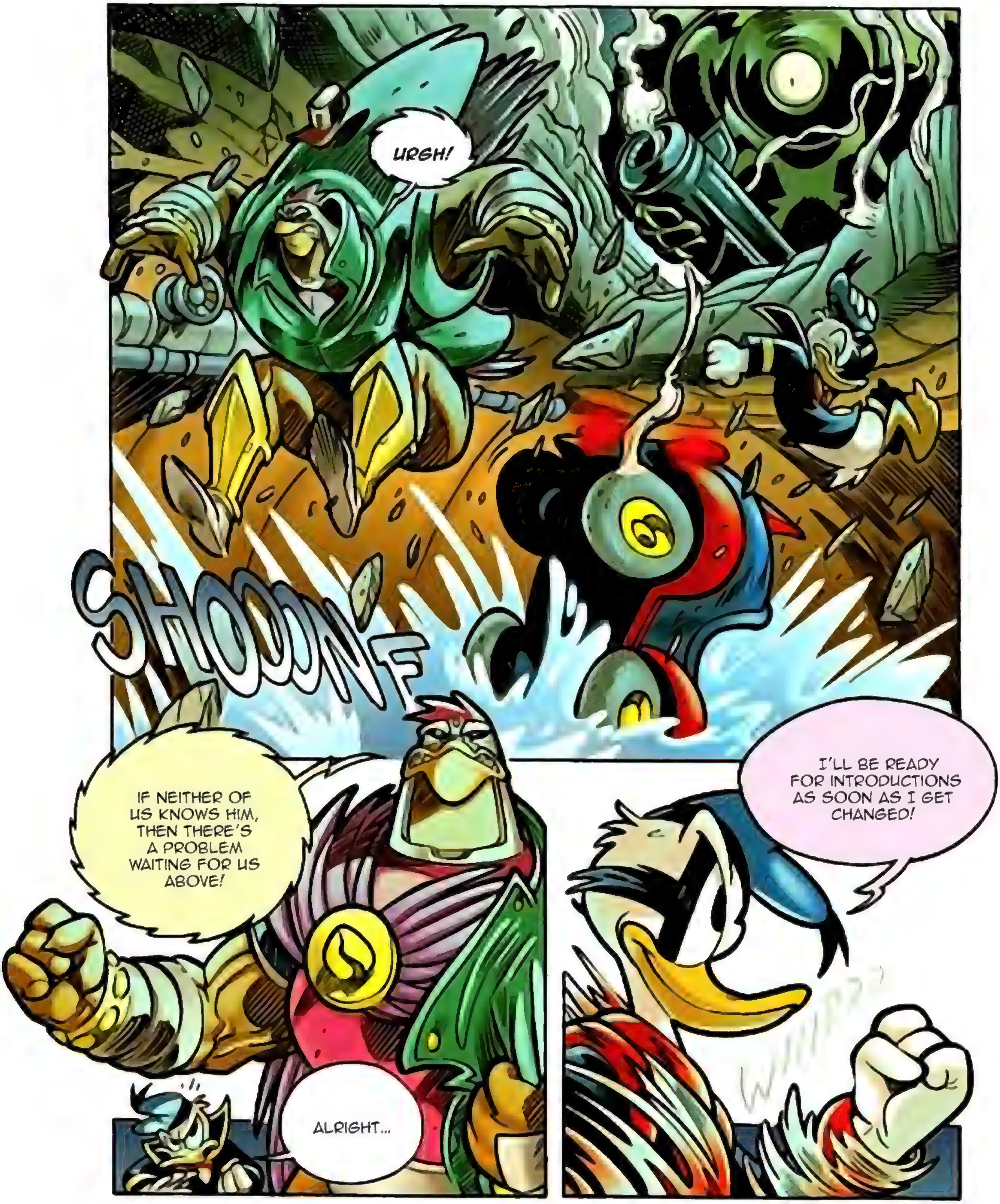
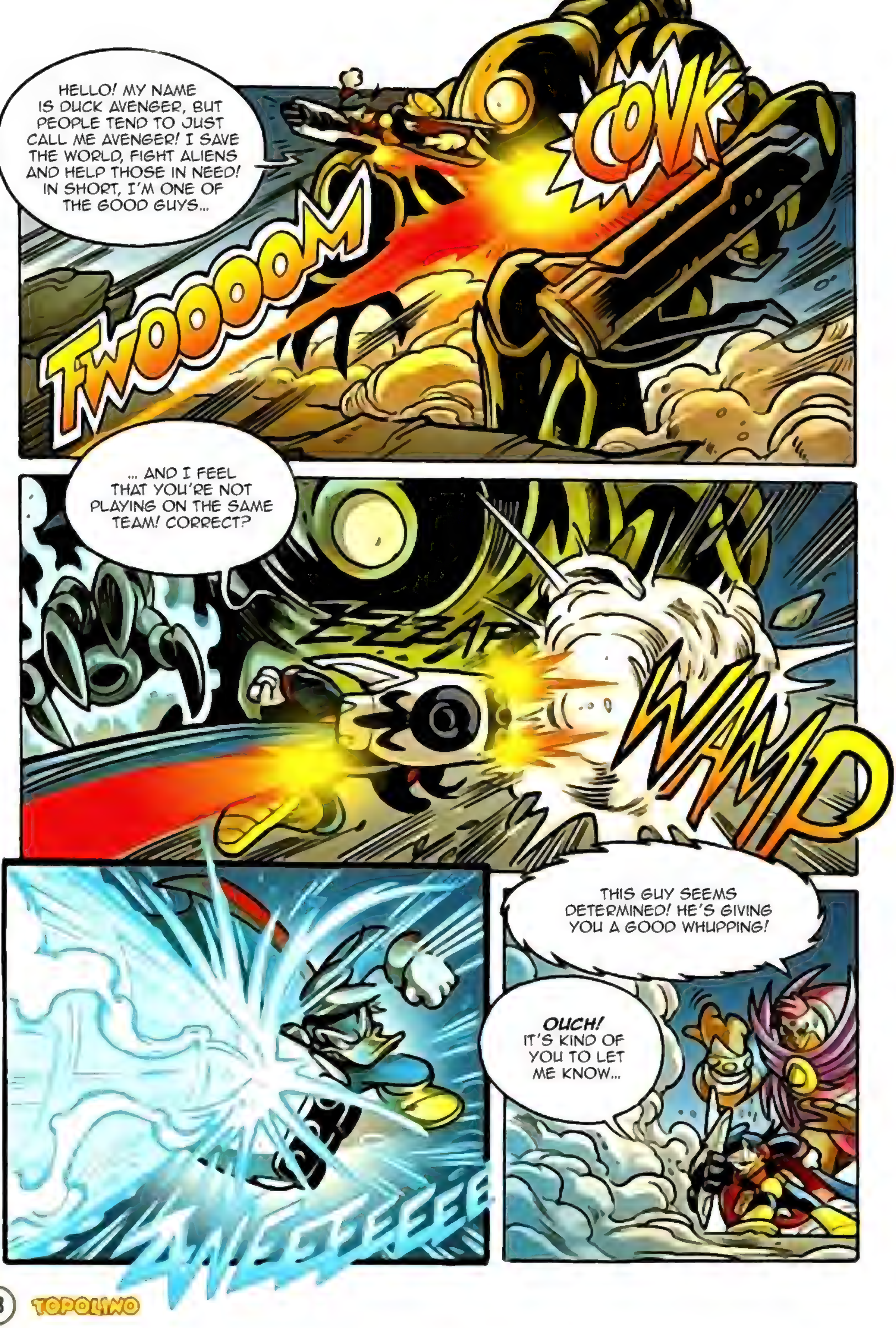
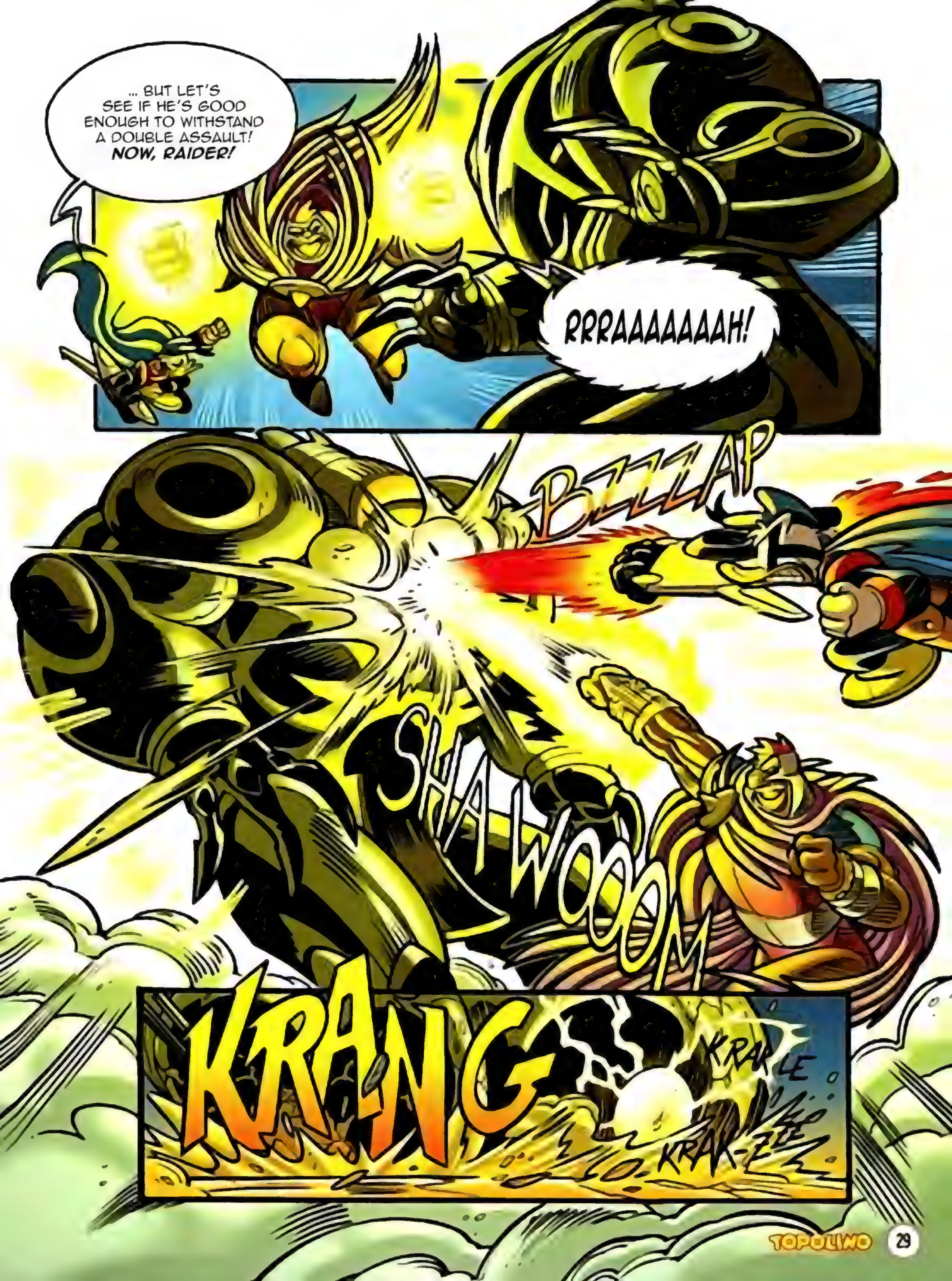
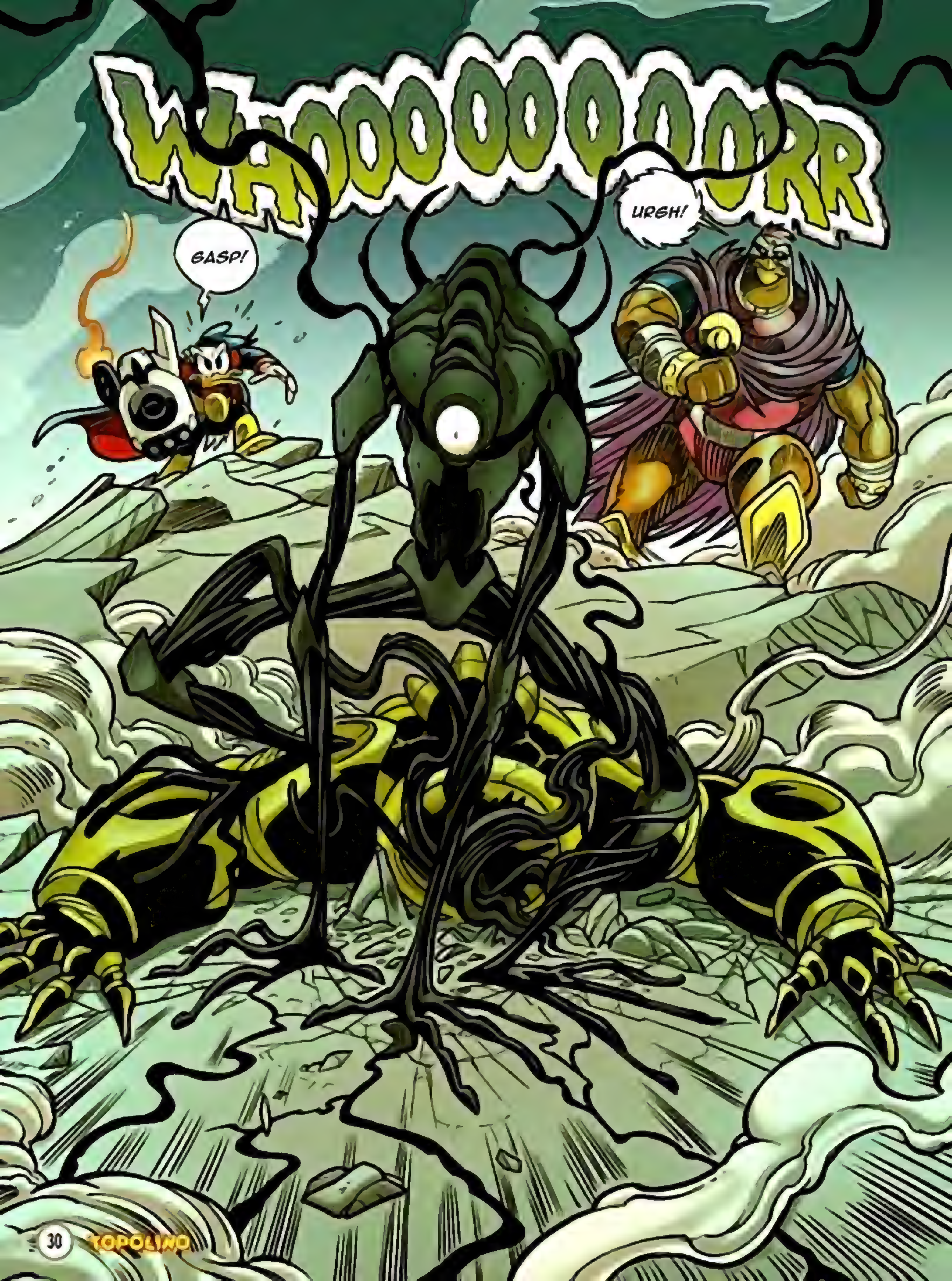
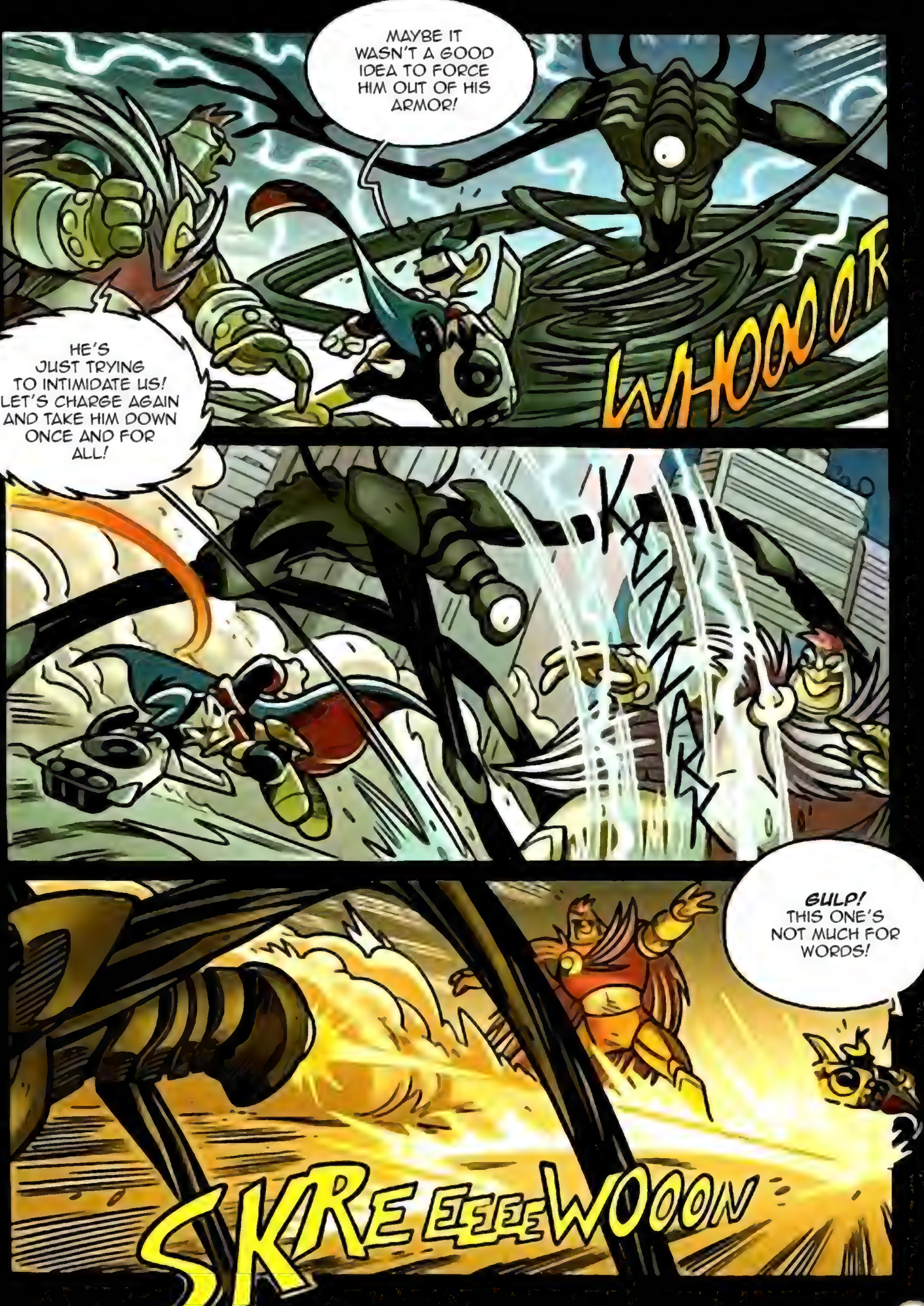
HOLD ON TIGHT!

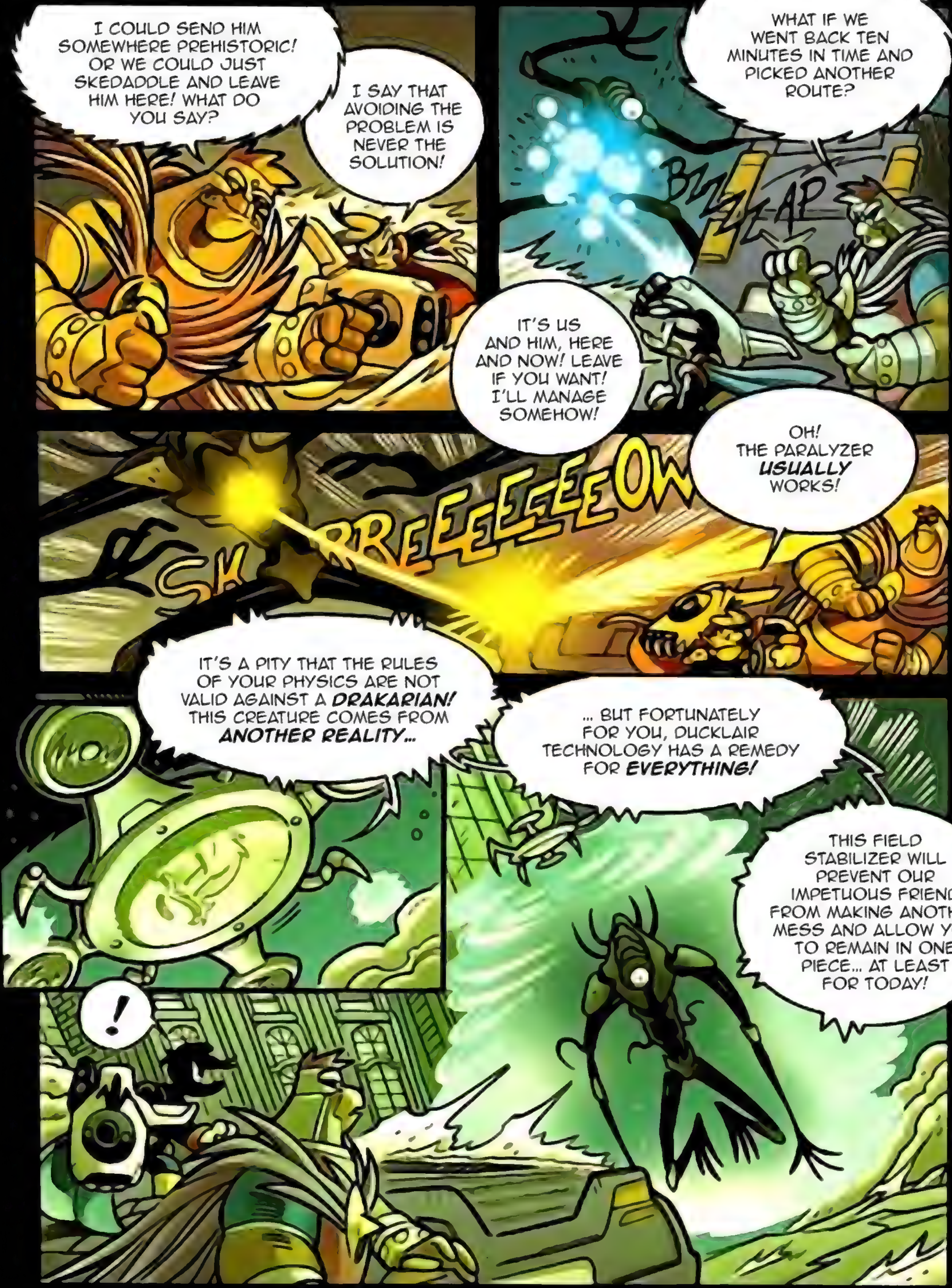

URGH!
SHOOOONF
IF NEITHER OF US KNOWS HIM, THEN THERE'S A PROBLEM WAITING FOR US ABOVE!
ALRIGHT...
I'LL BE READY FOR INTRODUCTIONS AS SOON AS I GET CHANGED!
WHIPPP


HELLO! MY NAME IS DUCK AVENGER, BUT PEOPLE TEND TO JUST CALL ME AVENGER! I SAVE THE WORLD, FIGHT ALIENS AND HELP THOSE IN NEED! IN SHORT, I'M ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS...
CONK
FWOOOOM
... AND I FEEL THAT YOU'RE NOT PLAYING ON THE SAME TEAM! CORRECT?
ZZZAP
WAMP
THIS GUY SEEMS DETERMINED! HE'S GIVING YOU A GOOD WHUPPING!
OUCH! IT'S KIND OF YOU TO LET ME KNOW...


... BUT LET'S SEE IF HE'S GOOD ENOUGH TO WITHSTAND A DOUBLE ASSAULT! ***NOW, RAIDER!***
RRRAAAAAAAH!
BZZZAP
SHA WOOOM
KRANG
KRAKLE
KRAK-ZZZ


WHOOOOOOOORR
GASP!
URGH!


MAYBE IT WASN'T A GOOD IDEA TO FORCE HIM OUT OF HIS ARMOR!
WHOOO OR
HE'S JUST TRYING TO INTIMIDATE US! LET'S CHARGE AGAIN AND TAKE HIM DOWN ONCE AND FOR ALL!
KANNARKK
GULP! THIS ONE'S NOT MUCH FOR WORDS!
SKREEEEEWOOON


I COULD SEND HIM SOMEWHERE PREHISTORIC! OR WE COULD JUST SKEDADDLE AND LEAVE HIM HERE! WHAT DO YOU SAY?
I SAY THAT AVOIDING THE PROBLEM IS NEVER THE SOLUTION!
WHAT IF WE WENT BACK TEN MINUTES IN TIME AND PICKED ANOTHER ROUTE?
BZZZ-AP
IT'S US AND HIM, HERE AND NOW! LEAVE IF YOU WANT! I'LL MANAGE SOMEHOW!
SKRREEEEEEOW
OH! THE PARALYZER **USUALLY** WORKS!
IT'S A PITY THAT THE RULES OF YOUR PHYSICS ARE NOT VALID AGAINST A **DRAKARIAN!** THIS CREATURE COMES FROM **ANOTHER REALITY...**
... BUT FORTUNATELY FOR YOU, DUCKLAIR TECHNOLOGY HAS A REMEDY FOR **EVERYTHING!**
THIS FIELD STABILIZER WILL PREVENT OUR IMPETUOUS FRIEND FROM MAKING ANOTHER MESS AND ALLOW YOU TO REMAIN IN ONE PIECE... AT LEAST FOR TODAY!
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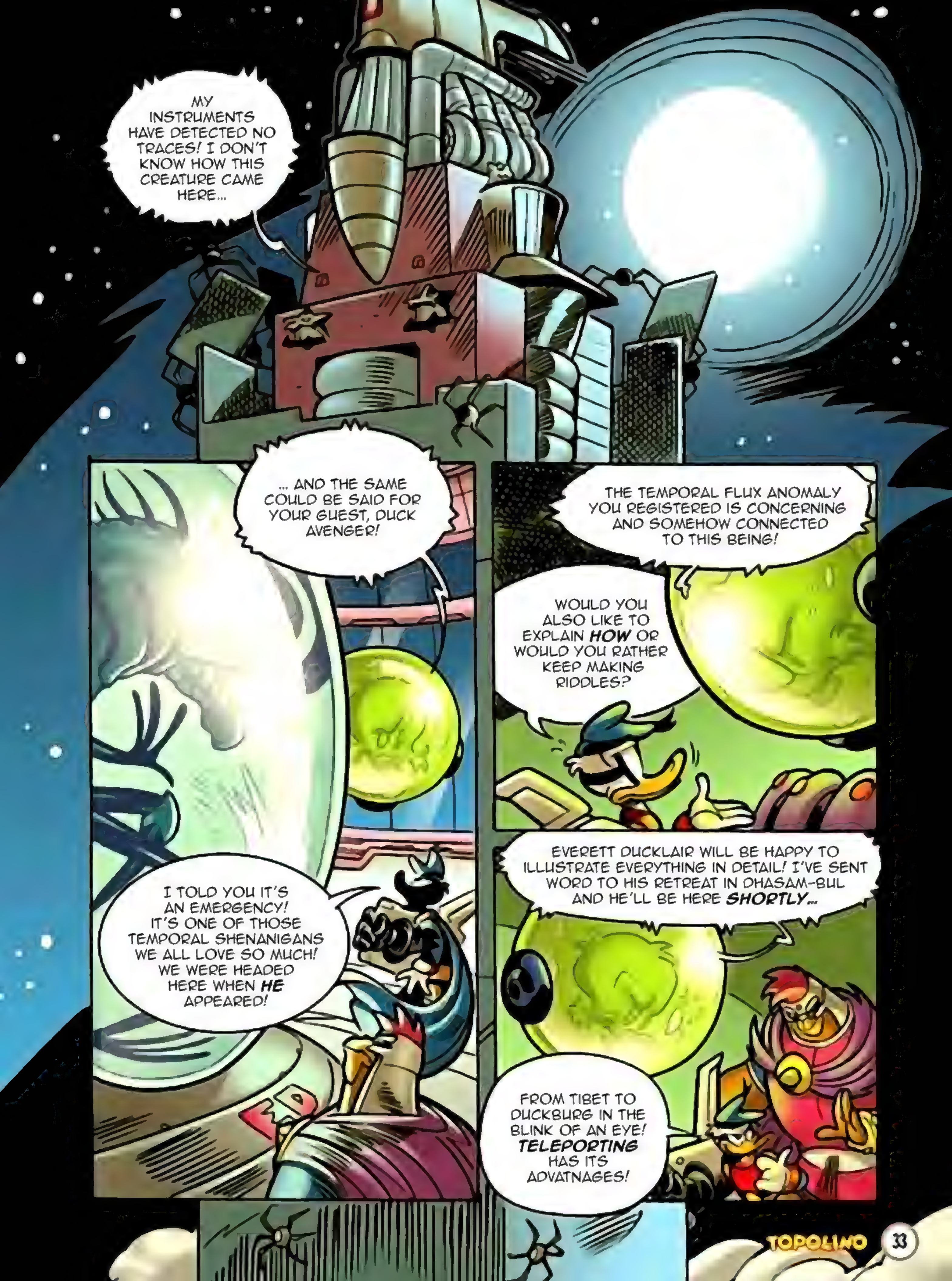
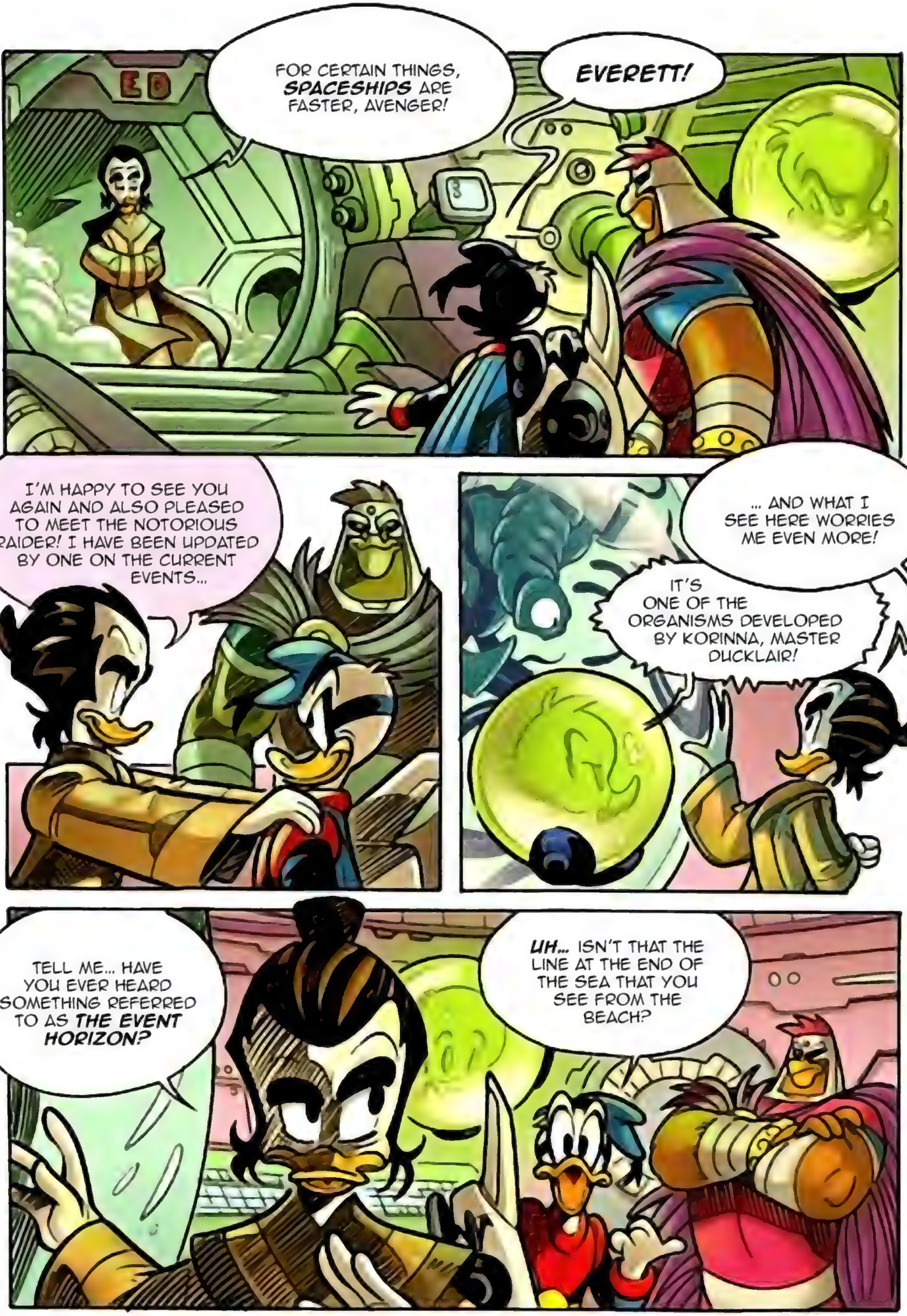

MY INSTRUMENTS HAVE DETECTED NO TRACES! I DON'T KNOW HOW THIS CREATURE CAME HERE...
... AND THE SAME COULD BE SAID FOR YOUR GUEST, DUCK AVENGER!
I TOLD YOU IT'S AN EMERGENCY! IT'S ONE OF THOSE TEMPORAL SHENANIGANS WE ALL LOVE SO MUCH! WE WERE HEADED HERE WHEN **HE** APPEARED!
THE TEMPORAL FLUX ANOMALY YOU REGISTERED IS CONCERNING AND SOMEHOW CONNECTED TO THIS BEING!
WOULD YOU ALSO LIKE TO EXPLAIN **HOW** OR WOULD YOU RATHER KEEP MAKING RIDDLES?
EVERETT DUCKLAIR WILL BE HAPPY TO ILLUSTRATE EVERYTHING IN DETAIL! I'VE SENT WORD TO HIS RETREAT IN DHASAM-BUL AND HE'LL BE HERE **SHORTLY...**
FROM TIBET TO DUCKBURG IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE! **TELEPORTING** HAS ITS ADVATNAGES!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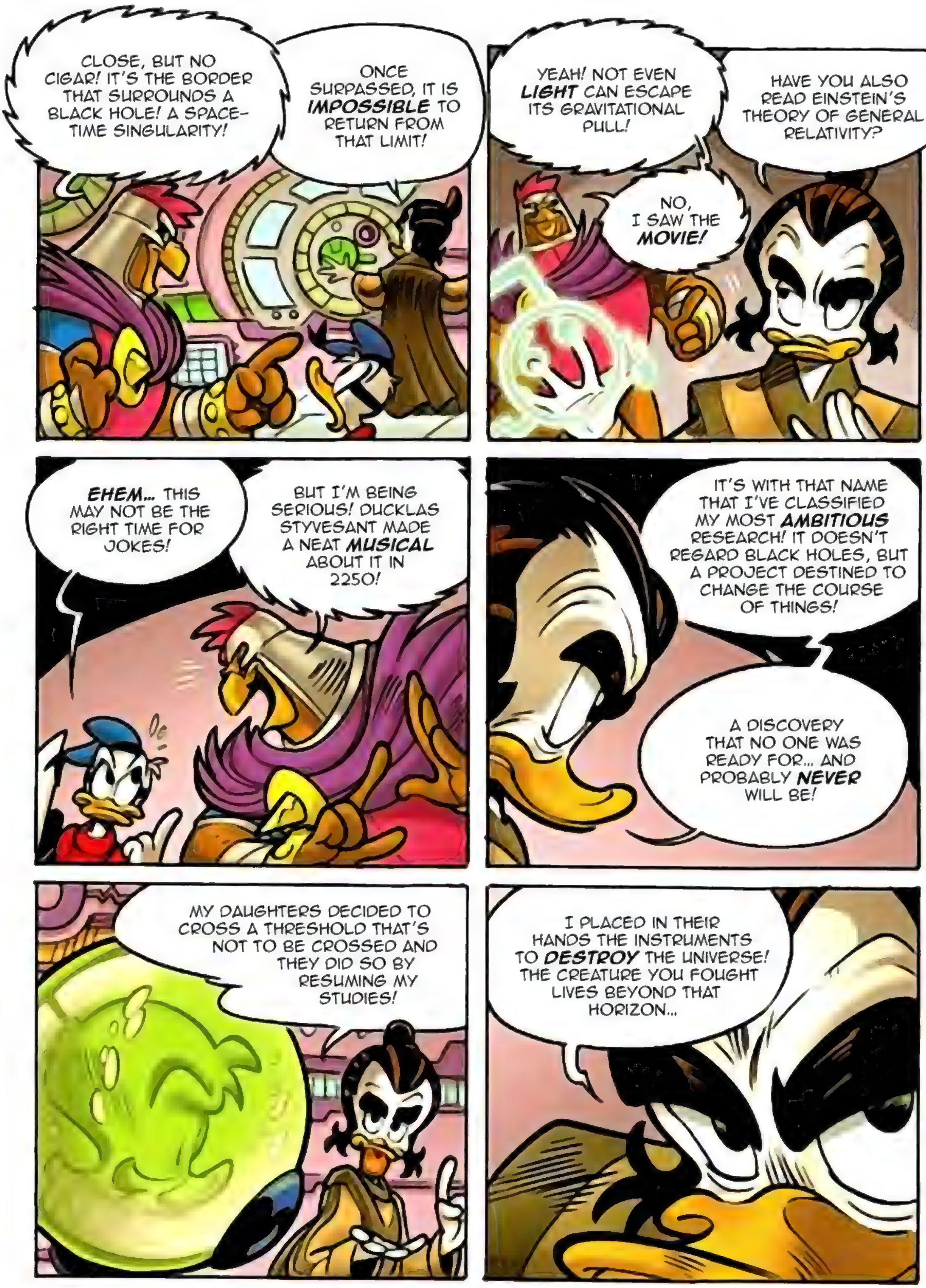
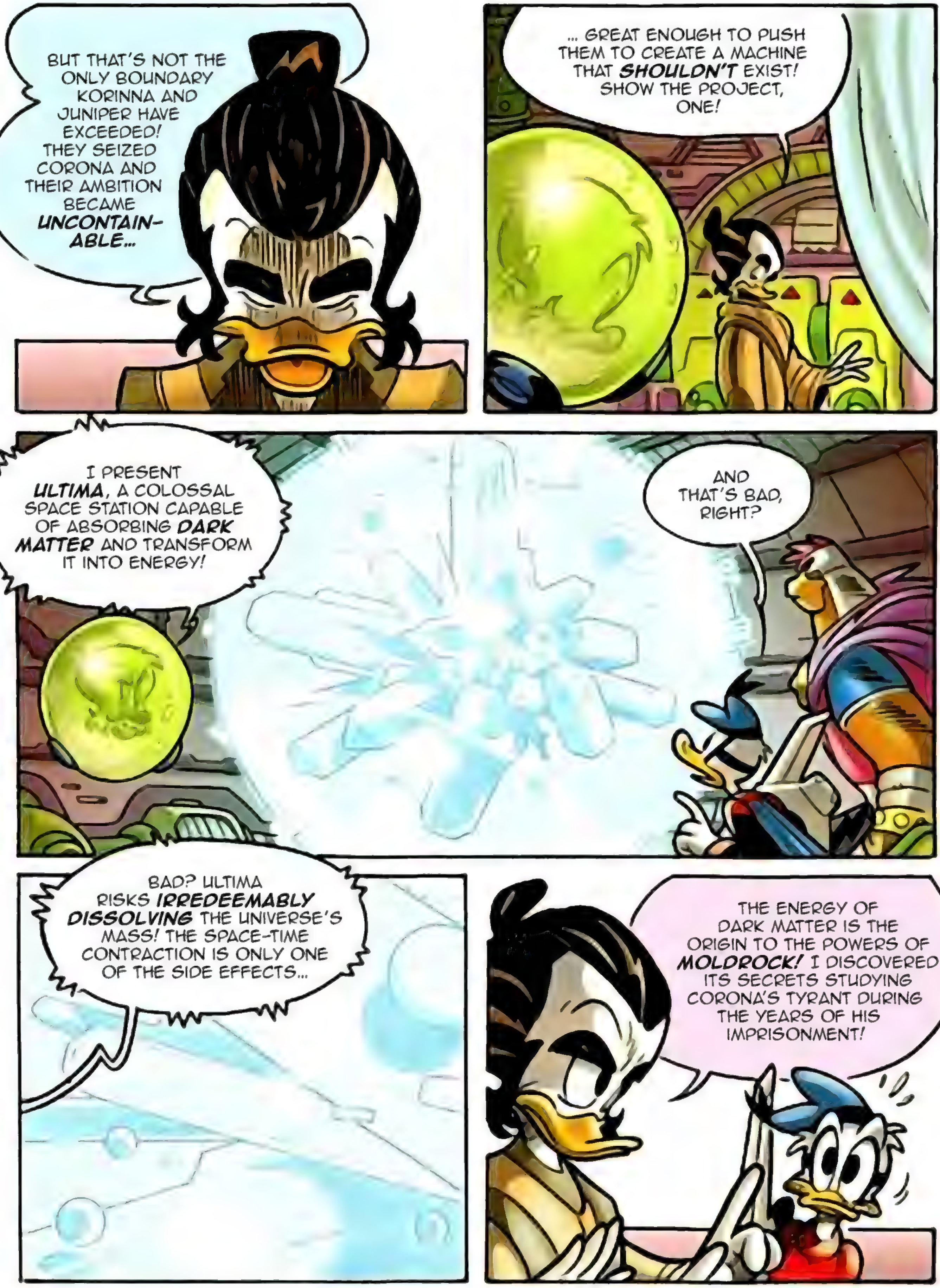
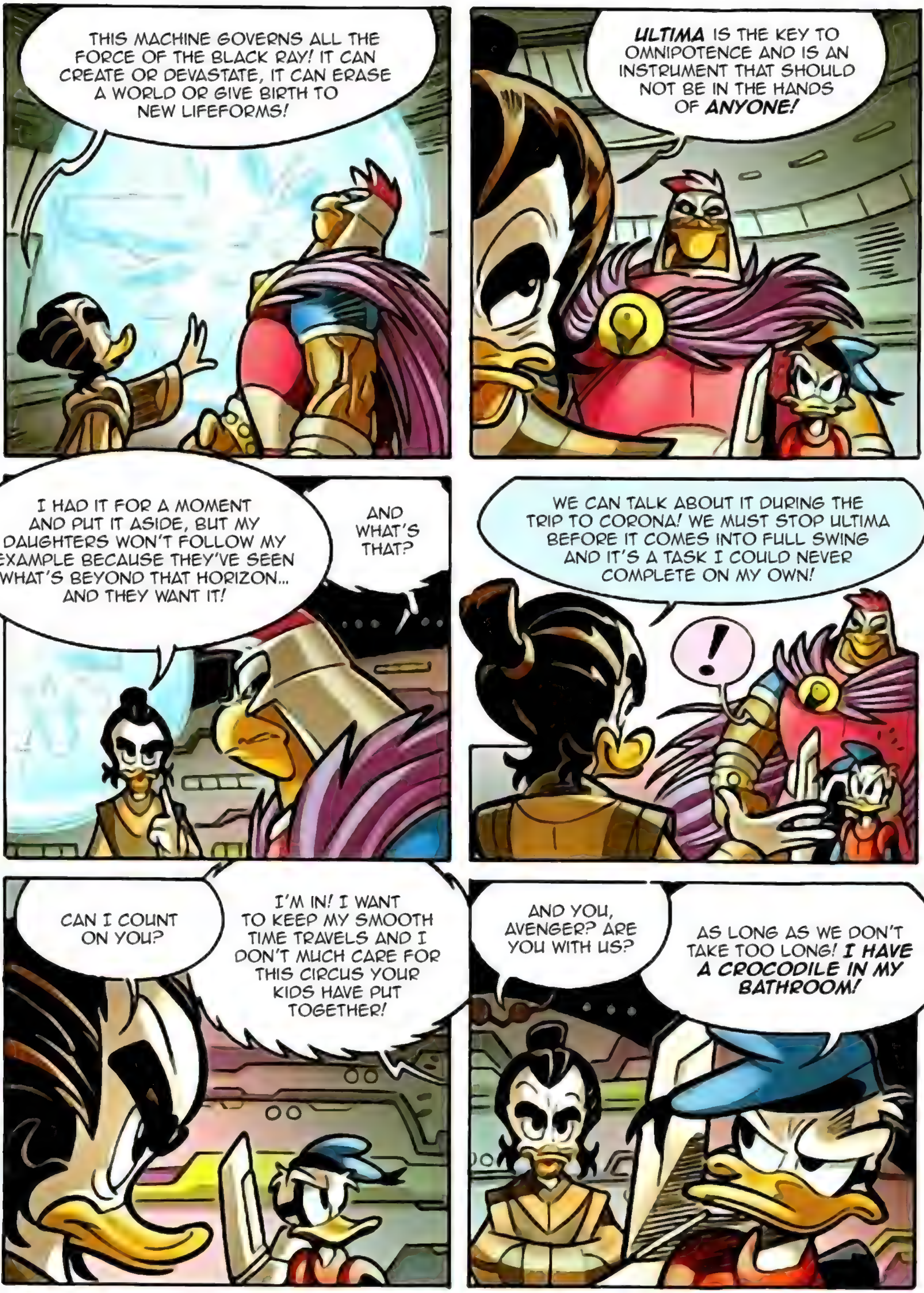
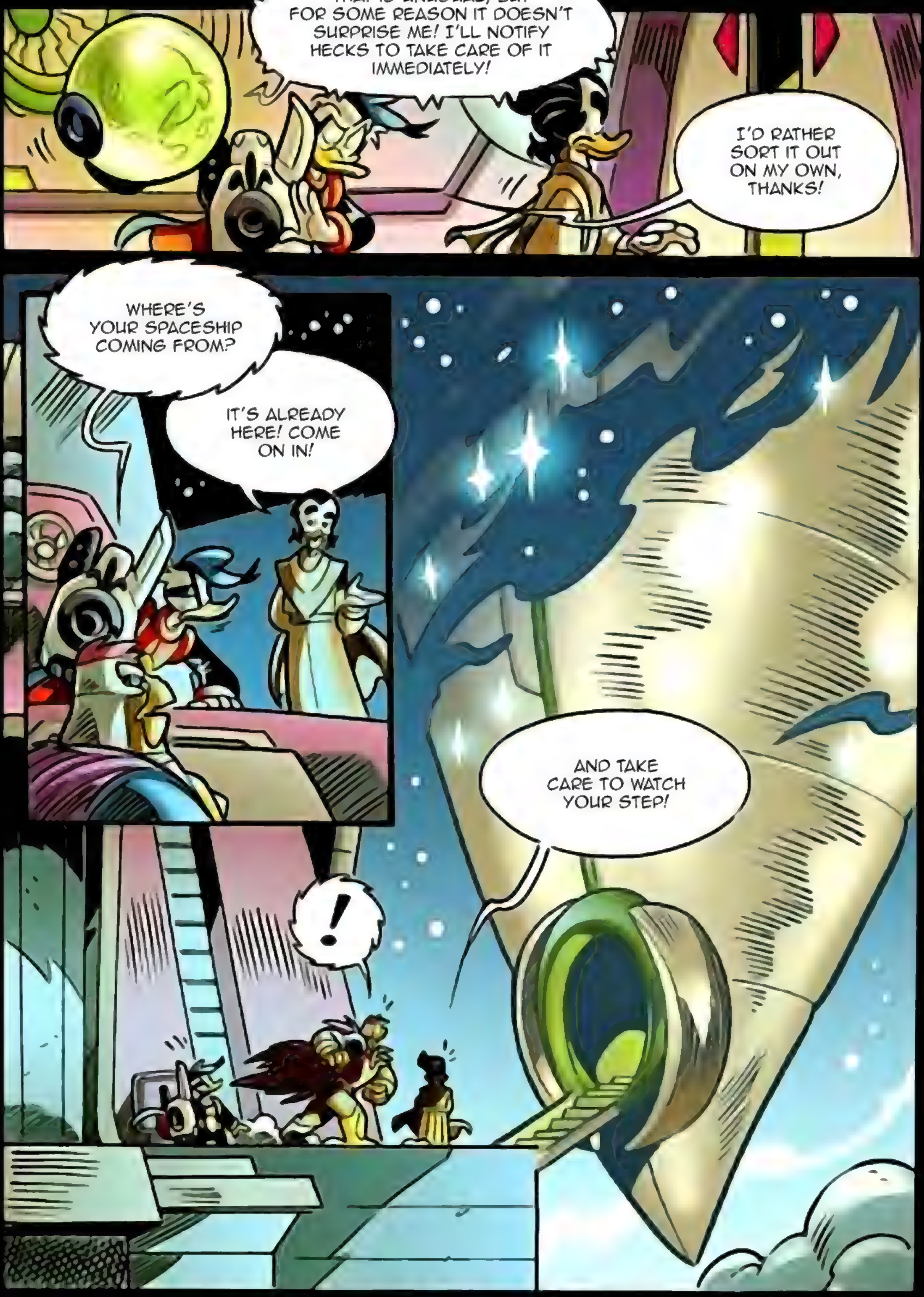
FOR CERTAIN THINGS, SPACESHIPS ARE FASTER, AVENGER!
EVERETT!
I'M HAPPY TO SEE YOU AGAIN AND ALSO PLEASED TO MEET THE NOTORIOUS RAIDER! I HAVE BEEN UPDATED BY ONE ON THE CURRENT EVENTS...
... AND WHAT I SEE HERE WORRIES ME EVEN MORE!
IT'S ONE OF THE ORGANISMS DEVELOPED BY KORINNA, MASTER DUCKLAIR!
TELL ME... HAVE YOU EVER HEARD SOMETHING REFERRED TO AS THE EVENT HORIZON?
UH... ISN'T THAT THE LINE AT THE END OF THE SEA THAT YOU SEE FROM THE BEACH?


CLOSE, BUT NO CIGAR! IT'S THE BORDER THAT SURROUNDS A BLACK HOLE! A SPACE-TIME SINGULARITY!
ONCE SURPASSED, IT IS **IMPOSSIBLE** TO RETURN FROM THAT LIMIT!
YEAH! NOT EVEN **LIGHT** CAN ESCAPE ITS GRAVITATIONAL PULL!
HAVE YOU ALSO READ EINSTEIN'S THEORY OF GENERAL RELATIVITY?
NO, I SAW THE **MOVIE!**
EHEM... THIS MAY NOT BE THE RIGHT TIME FOR JOKES!
BUT I'M BEING SERIOUS! DUCKLAS STYVESANT MADE A NEAT **MUSICAL** ABOUT IT IN 2250!
IT'S WITH THAT NAME THAT I'VE CLASSIFIED MY MOST **AMBITIOUS** RESEARCH! IT DOESN'T REGARD BLACK HOLES, BUT A PROJECT DESTINED TO CHANGE THE COURSE OF THINGS!
A DISCOVERY THAT NO ONE WAS READY FOR... AND PROBABLY **NEVER** WILL BE!
MY DAUGHTERS DECIDED TO CROSS A THRESHOLD THAT'S NOT TO BE CROSSED AND THEY DID SO BY RESUMING MY STUDIES!
I PLACED IN THEIR HANDS THE INSTRUMENTS TO **DESTROY** THE UNIVERSE! THE CREATURE YOU FOUGHT LIVES BEYOND THAT HORIZON...


BUT THAT'S NOT THE ONLY BOUNDARY KORINNA AND JUNIPER HAVE EXCEEDED! THEY SEIZED CORONA AND THEIR AMBITION BECAME **UNCONTAINABLE...**
... GREAT ENOUGH TO PUSH THEM TO CREATE A MACHINE THAT **SHOULDN'T** EXIST! SHOW THE PROJECT, ONE!
I PRESENT **ULTIMA**, A COLOSSAL SPACE STATION CAPABLE OF ABSORBING **DARK MATTER** AND TRANSFORM IT INTO ENERGY!
AND THAT'S BAD, RIGHT?
BAD? ULTIMA RISKS **IRREDEEMABLY DISSOLVING** THE UNIVERSE'S MASS! THE SPACE-TIME CONTRACTION IS ONLY ONE OF THE SIDE EFFECTS...
THE ENERGY OF DARK MATTER IS THE ORIGIN TO THE POWERS OF **MOLDROCK!** I DISCOVERED ITS SECRETS STUDYING CORONA'S TYRANT DURING THE YEARS OF HIS IMPRISONMENT!


THIS MACHINE GOVERNS ALL THE FORCE OF THE BLACK RAY! IT CAN CREATE OR DEVASTATE, IT CAN ERASE A WORLD OR GIVE BIRTH TO NEW LIFEFORMS!
ULTIMA IS THE KEY TO OMNIPOTENCE AND IS AN INSTRUMENT THAT SHOULD NOT BE IN THE HANDS OF ANYONE!
I HAD IT FOR A MOMENT AND PUT IT ASIDE, BUT MY DAUGHTERS WON'T FOLLOW MY EXAMPLE BECAUSE THEY'VE SEEN WHAT'S BEYOND THAT HORIZON... AND THEY WANT IT!
AND WHAT'S THAT?
WE CAN TALK ABOUT IT DURING THE TRIP TO CORONA! WE MUST STOP ULTIMA BEFORE IT COMES INTO FULL SWING AND IT'S A TASK I COULD NEVER COMPLETE ON MY OWN!
!
CAN I COUNT ON YOU?
I'M IN! I WANT TO KEEP MY SMOOTH TIME TRAVELS AND I DON'T MUCH CARE FOR THIS CIRCUS YOUR KIDS HAVE PUT TOGETHER!
AND YOU, AVENGER? ARE YOU WITH US?
AS LONG AS WE DON'T TAKE TOO LONG! I HAVE A CROCODILE IN MY BATHROOM!


THAT IS UNUSUAL, BUT FOR SOME REASON IT DOESN'T SURPRISE ME! I'LL NOTIFY HECKS TO TAKE CARE OF IT IMMEDIATELY!
I'D RATHER SORT IT OUT ON MY OWN, THANKS!
WHERE'S YOUR SPACESHIP COMING FROM?
IT'S ALREADY HERE! COME ON IN!
AND TAKE CARE TO WATCH YOUR STEP!
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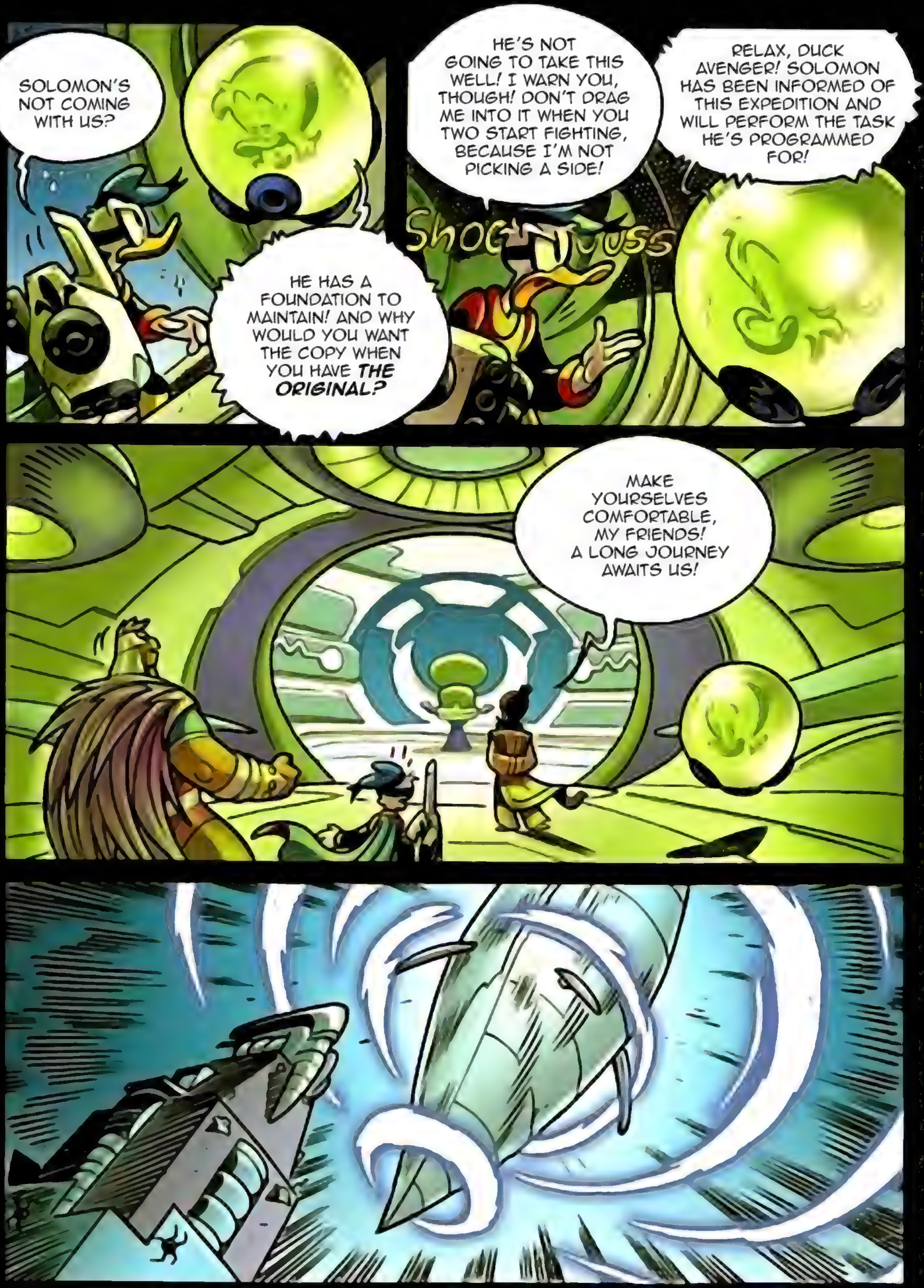
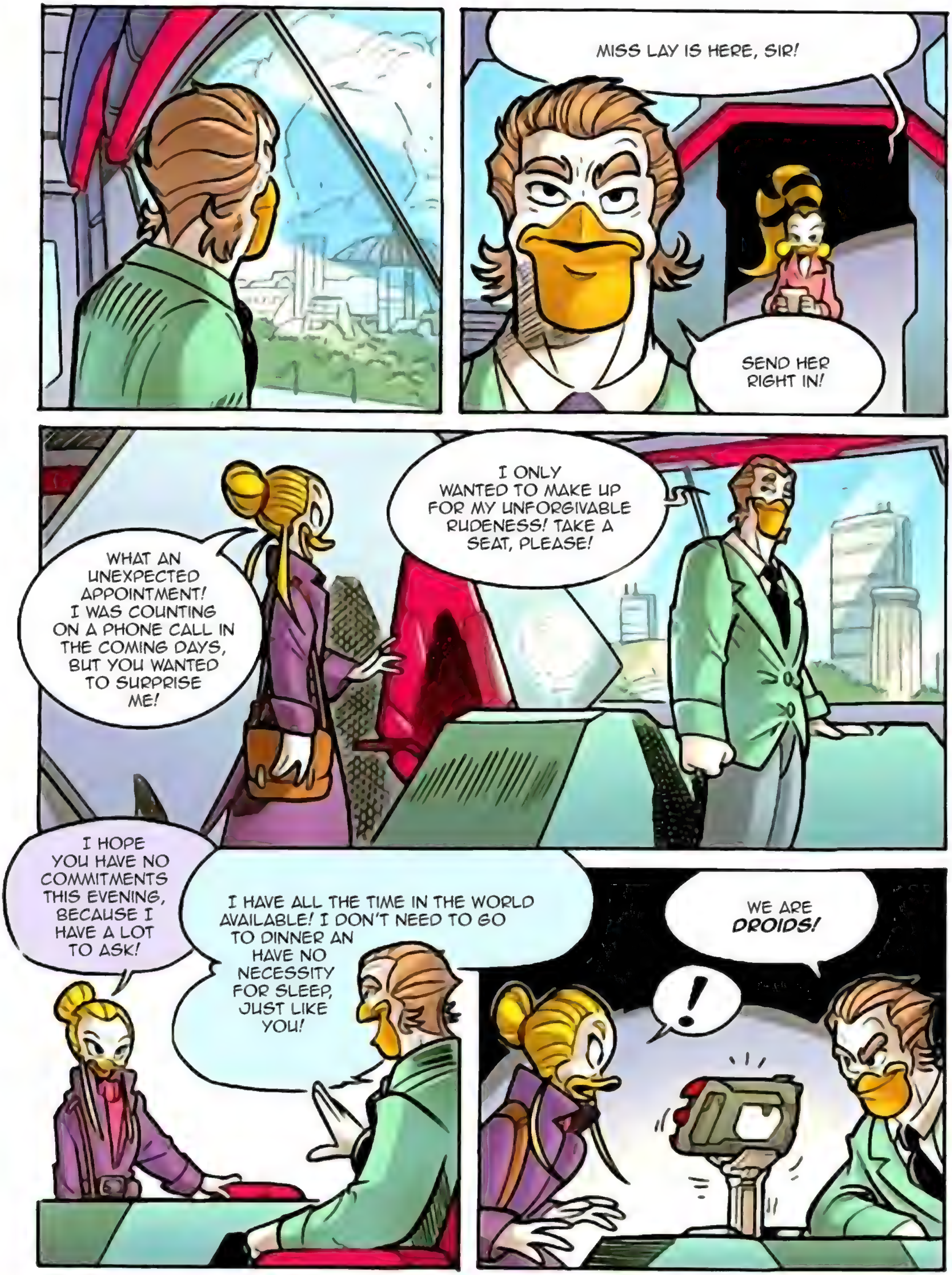

SOLOMON'S NOT COMING WITH US?
HE HAS A FOUNDATION TO MAINTAIN! AND WHY WOULD YOU WANT THE COPY WHEN YOU HAVE **THE ORIGINAL?**
HE'S NOT GOING TO TAKE THIS WELL! I WARN YOU, THOUGH! DON'T DRAG ME INTO IT WHEN YOU TWO START FIGHTING, BECAUSE I'M NOT PICKING A SIDE!
Shoc uss
RELAX, DUCK AVENGER! SOLOMON HAS BEEN INFORMED OF THIS EXPEDITION AND WILL PERFORM THE TASK HE'S PROGRAMMED FOR!
MAKE YOURSELVES COMFORTABLE, MY FRIENDS! A LONG JOURNEY AWAITS US!


MISS LAY IS HERE, SIR!
SEND HER RIGHT IN!
WHAT AN UNEXPECTED APPOINTMENT! I WAS COUNTING ON A PHONE CALL IN THE COMING DAYS, BUT YOU WANTED TO SURPRISE ME!
I ONLY WANTED TO MAKE UP FOR MY UNFORGIVABLE RUDENESS! TAKE A SEAT, PLEASE!
I HOPE YOU HAVE NO COMMITMENTS THIS EVENING, BECAUSE I HAVE A LOT TO ASK!
I HAVE ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD AVAILABLE! I DON'T NEED TO GO TO DINNER AN HAVE NO NECESSITY FOR SLEEP, JUST LIKE YOU!
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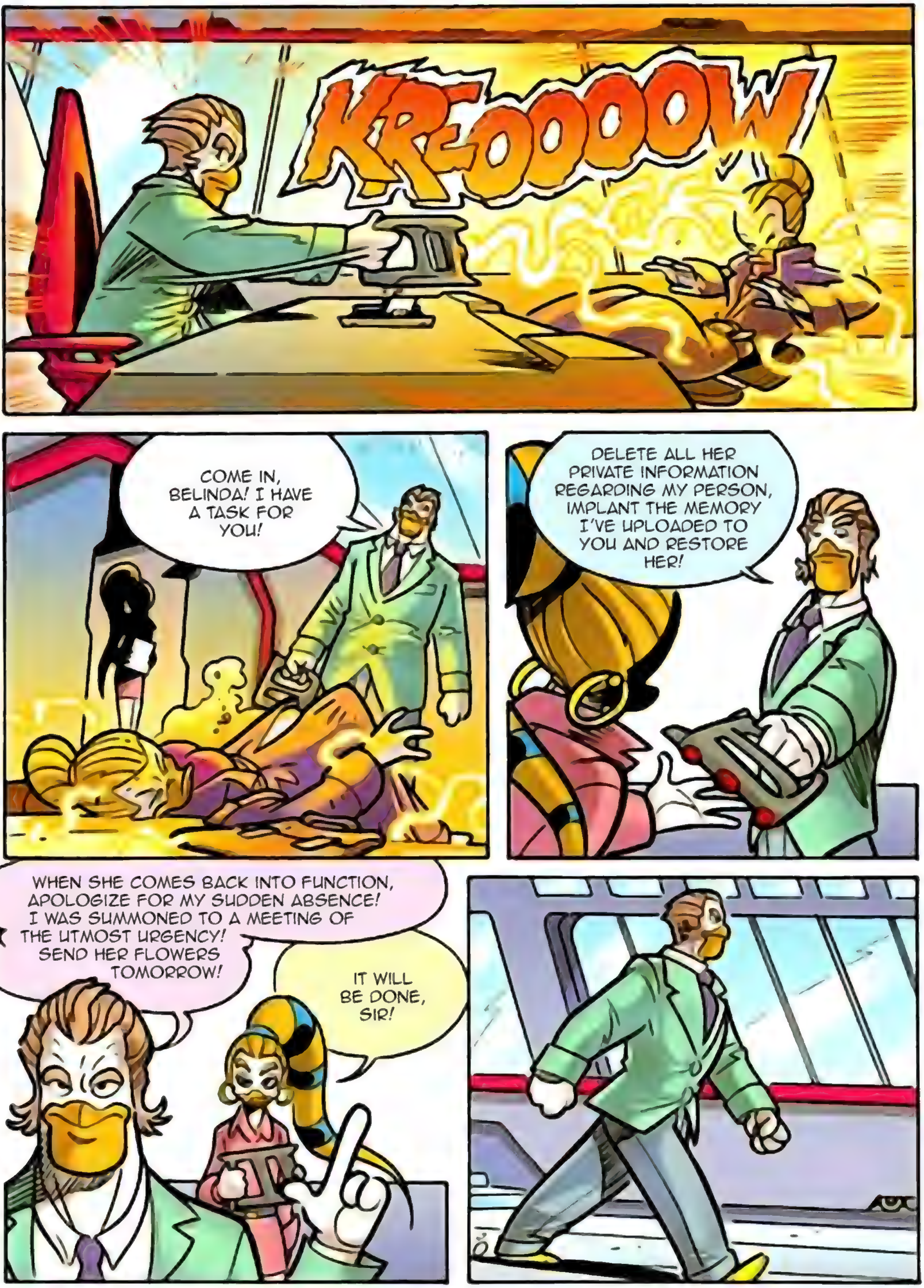
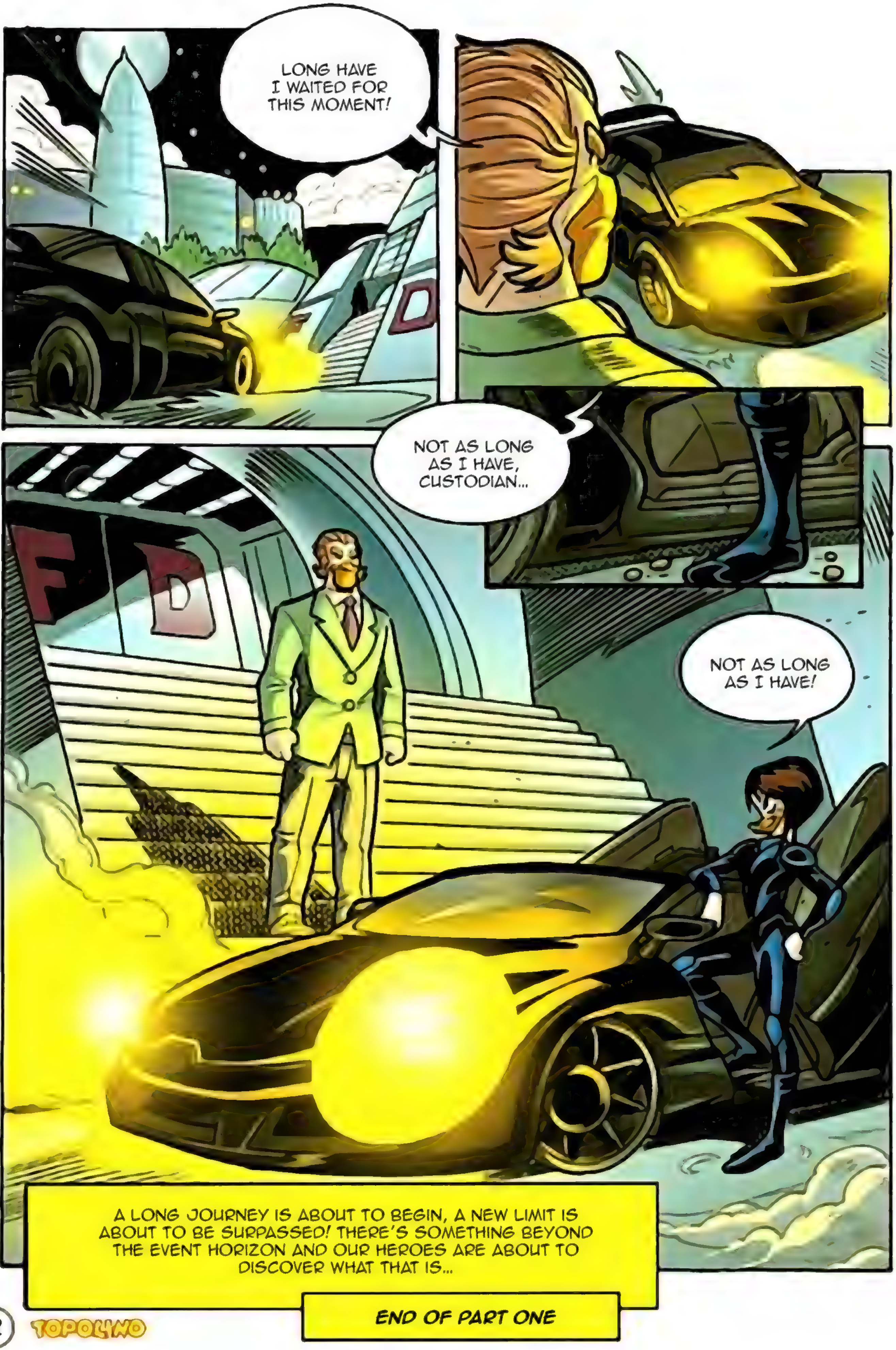
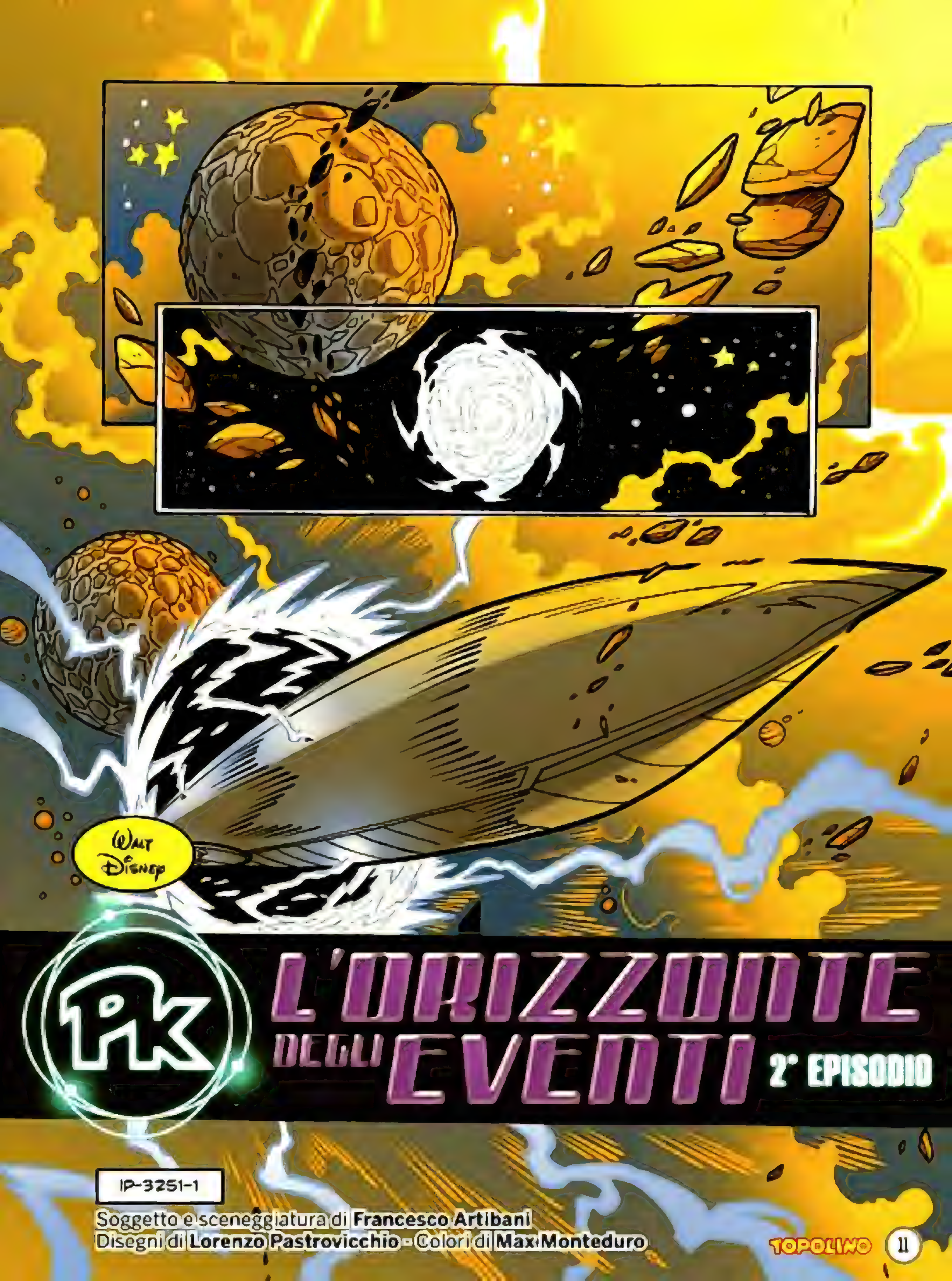
WE ARE DROIDS!


KREOOOOW
COME IN, BELINDA! I HAVE A TASK FOR YOU!
DELETE ALL HER PRIVATE INFORMATION REGARDING MY PERSON, IMPLANT THE MEMORY I'VE UPLOADED TO YOU AND RESTORE HER!
WHEN SHE COMES BACK INTO FUNCTION, APOLOGIZE FOR MY SUDDEN ABSENCE! I WAS SUMMONED TO A MEETING OF THE UTMOST URGENCY! SEND HER FLOWERS TOMORROW!
IT WILL BE DONE, SIR!


LONG HAVE I WAITED FOR THIS MOMENT!
NOT AS LONG AS I HAVE, CUSTODIAN...
NOT AS LONG AS I HAVE!
A LONG JOURNEY IS ABOUT TO BEGIN, A NEW LIMIT IS ABOUT TO BE SURPASSED! THERE'S SOMETHING BEYOND THE EVENT HORIZON AND OUR HEROES ARE ABOUT TO DISCOVER WHAT THAT IS...
END OF PART ONE



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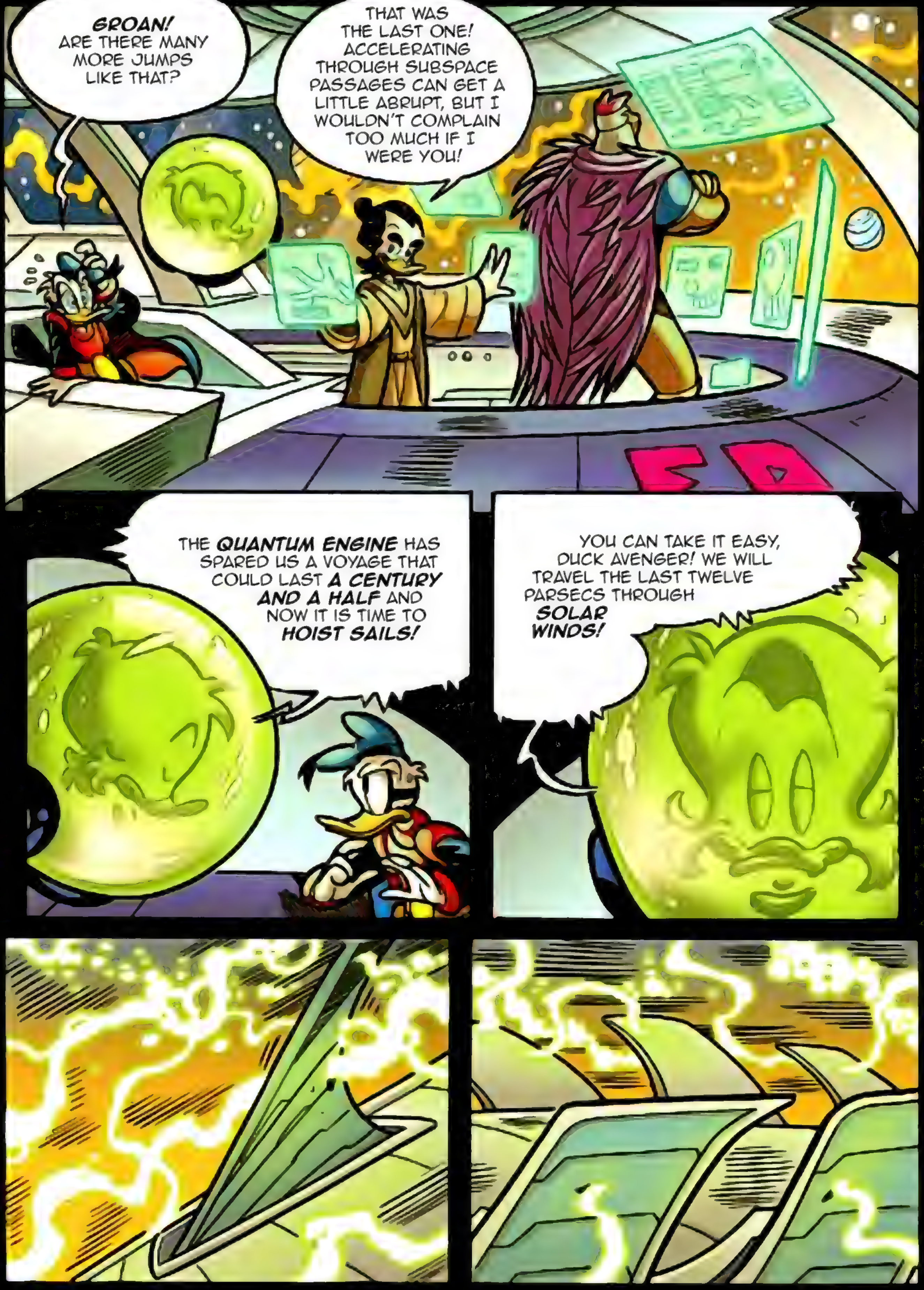
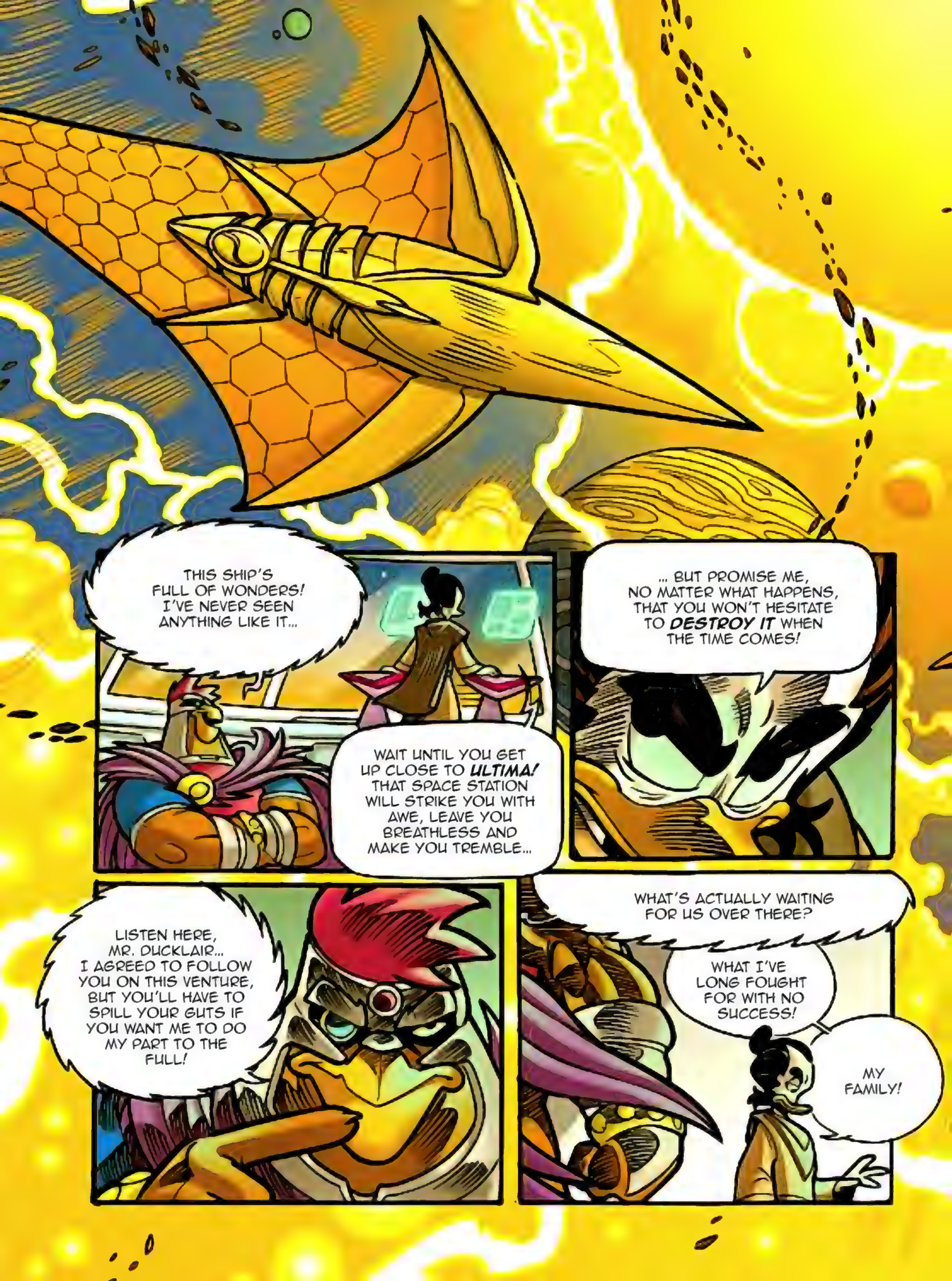
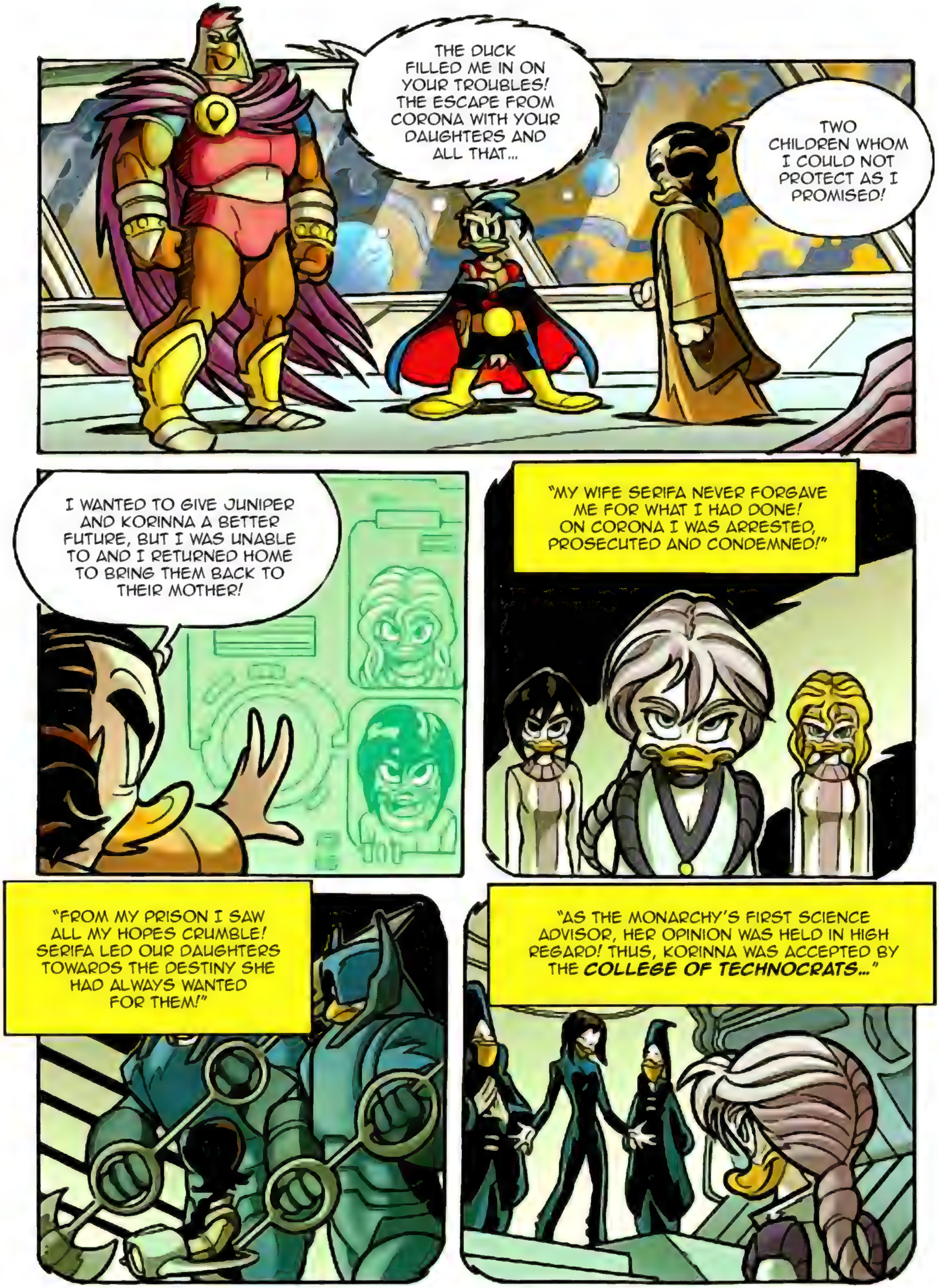
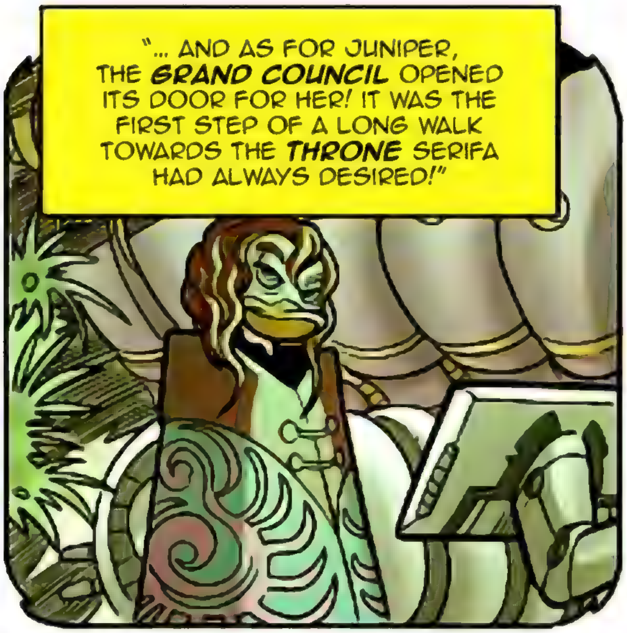
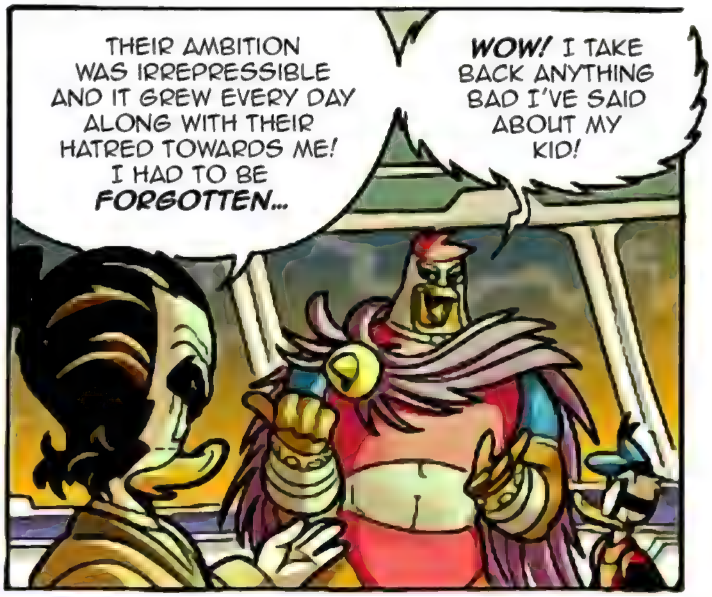
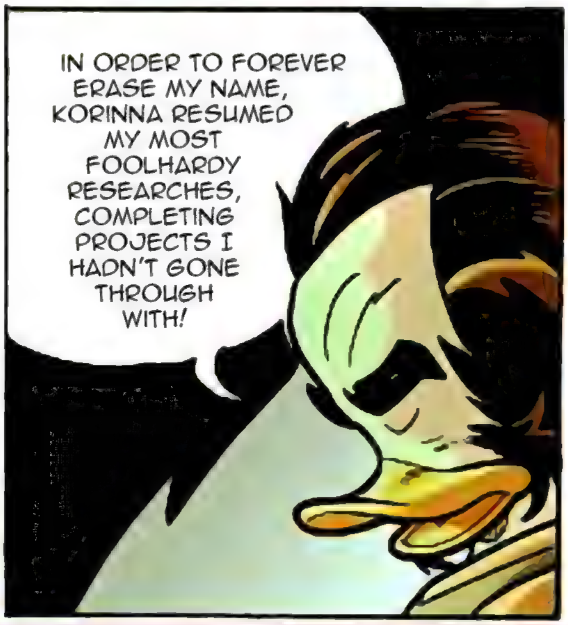

GROAN! ARE THERE MANY MORE JUMPS LIKE THAT?
THAT WAS THE LAST ONE! ACCELERATING THROUGH SUBSPACE PASSAGES CAN GET A LITTLE ABRUPT, BUT I WOULDN'T COMPLAIN TOO MUCH IF I WERE YOU!
THE QUANTUM ENGINE HAS SPARED US A VOYAGE THAT COULD LAST A CENTURY AND A HALF AND NOW IT IS TIME TO HOIST SAILS!
YOU CAN TAKE IT EASY, DUCK AVENGER! WE WILL TRAVEL THE LAST TWELVE PARSECS THROUGH SOLAR WINDS!

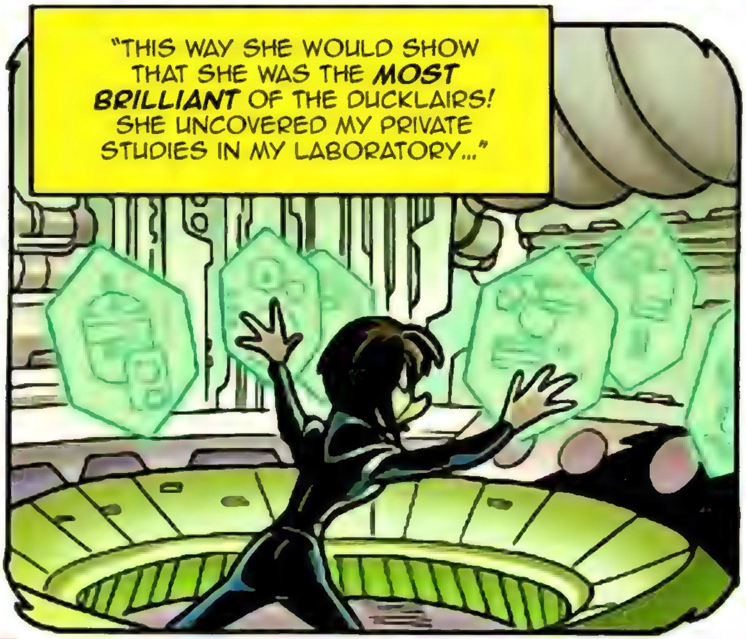

THIS SHIP'S FULL OF WONDERS! I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT...
WAIT UNTIL YOU GET UP CLOSE TO ***ULTIMA!*** THAT SPACE STATION WILL STRIKE YOU WITH AWE, LEAVE YOU BREATHLESS AND MAKE YOU TREMBLE...
... BUT PROMISE ME, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, THAT YOU WON'T HESITATE TO ***DESTROY IT*** WHEN THE TIME COMES!
LISTEN HERE, MR. DUCKLAIR... I AGREED TO FOLLOW YOU ON THIS VENTURE, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO SPILL YOUR GUTS IF YOU WANT ME TO DO MY PART TO THE FULL!
WHAT'S ACTUALLY WAITING FOR US OVER THERE?
WHAT I'VE LONG FOUGHT FOR WITH NO SUCCESS!
MY FAMILY!

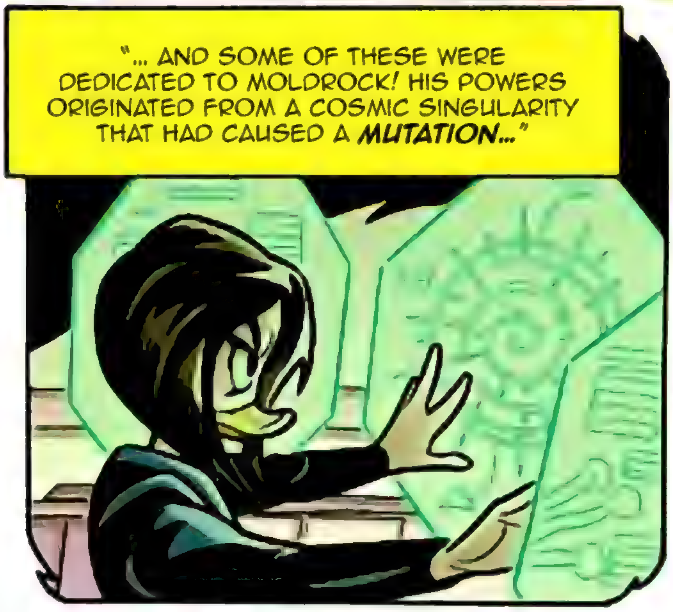

THE DUCK FILLED ME IN ON YOUR TROUBLES! THE ESCAPE FROM CORONA WITH YOUR DAUGHTERS AND ALL THAT...
TWO CHILDREN WHOM I COULD NOT PROTECT AS I PROMISED!
I WANTED TO GIVE JUNIPER AND KORINNA A BETTER FUTURE, BUT I WAS UNABLE TO AND I RETURNED HOME TO BRING THEM BACK TO THEIR MOTHER!
"MY WIFE SERIFA NEVER FORGAVE ME FOR WHAT I HAD DONE! ON CORONA I WAS ARRESTED, PROSECUTED AND CONDEMNED!"
"FROM MY PRISON I SAW ALL MY HOPES CRUMBLE! SERIFA LED OUR DAUGHTERS TOWARDS THE DESTINY SHE HAD ALWAYS WANTED FOR THEM!"
"AS THE MONARCHY'S FIRST SCIENCE ADVISOR, HER OPINION WAS HELD IN HIGH REGARD! THUS, KORINNA WAS ACCEPTED BY THE **COLLEGE OF TECHNOCRATS...**"

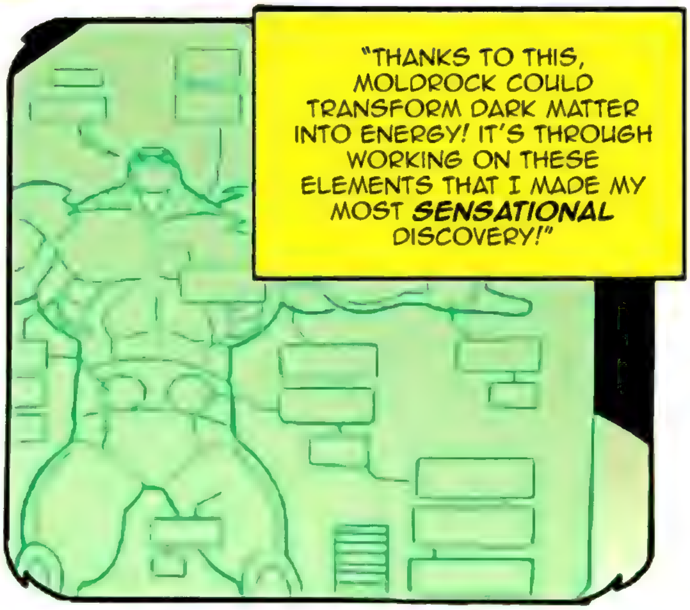

"... AND AS FOR JUNIPER, THE **GRAND COUNCIL** OPENED ITS DOOR FOR HER! IT WAS THE FIRST STEP OF A LONG WALK TOWARDS THE **THRONE** SERIFA HAD ALWAYS DESIRED!"

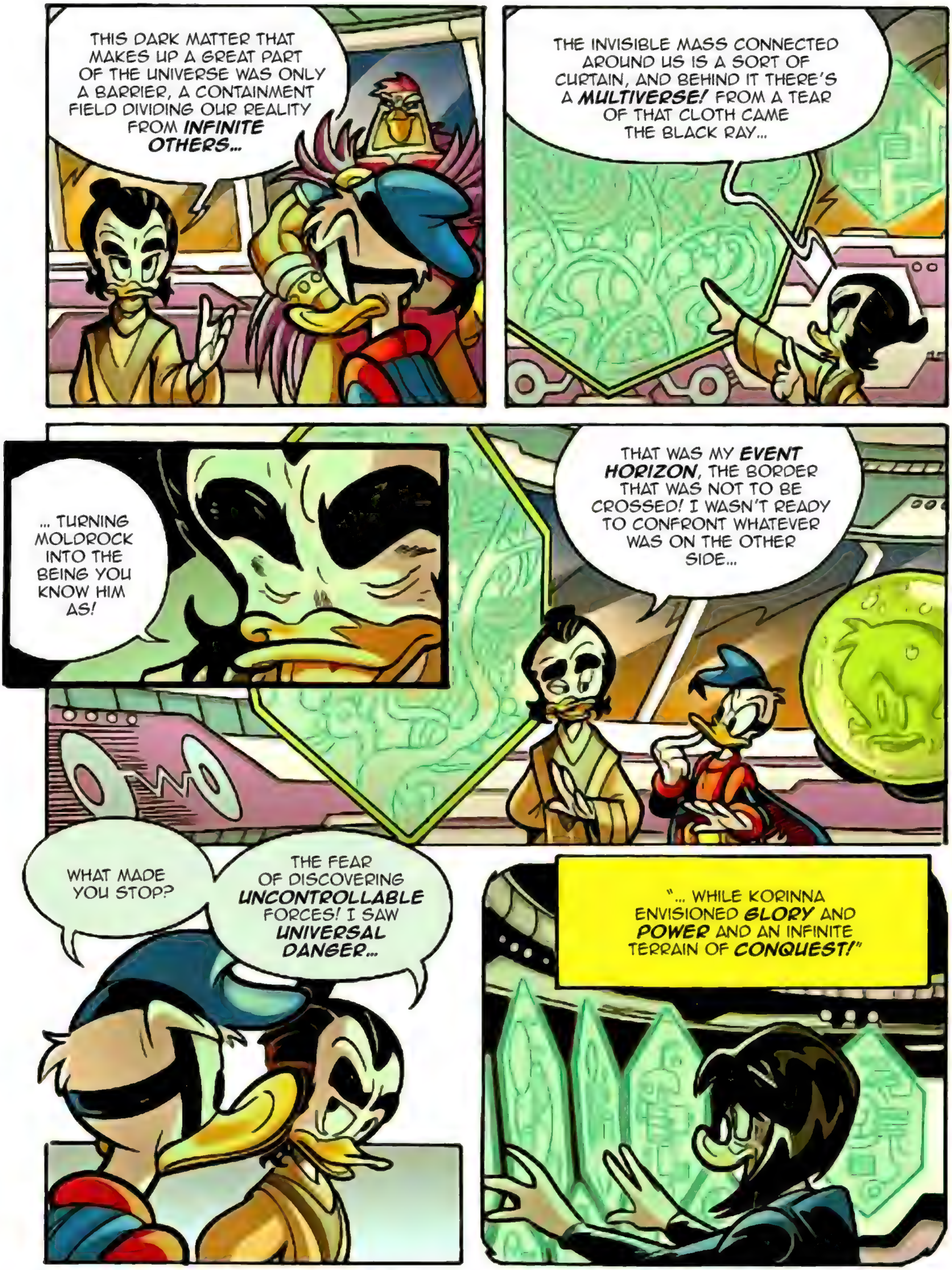

THEIR AMBITION WAS IRREPRESSIBLE AND IT GREW EVERY DAY ALONG WITH THEIR HATRED TOWARDS ME! I HAD TO BE **FORGOTTEN...**
WOW! I TAKE BACK ANYTHING BAD I'VE SAID ABOUT MY KID!

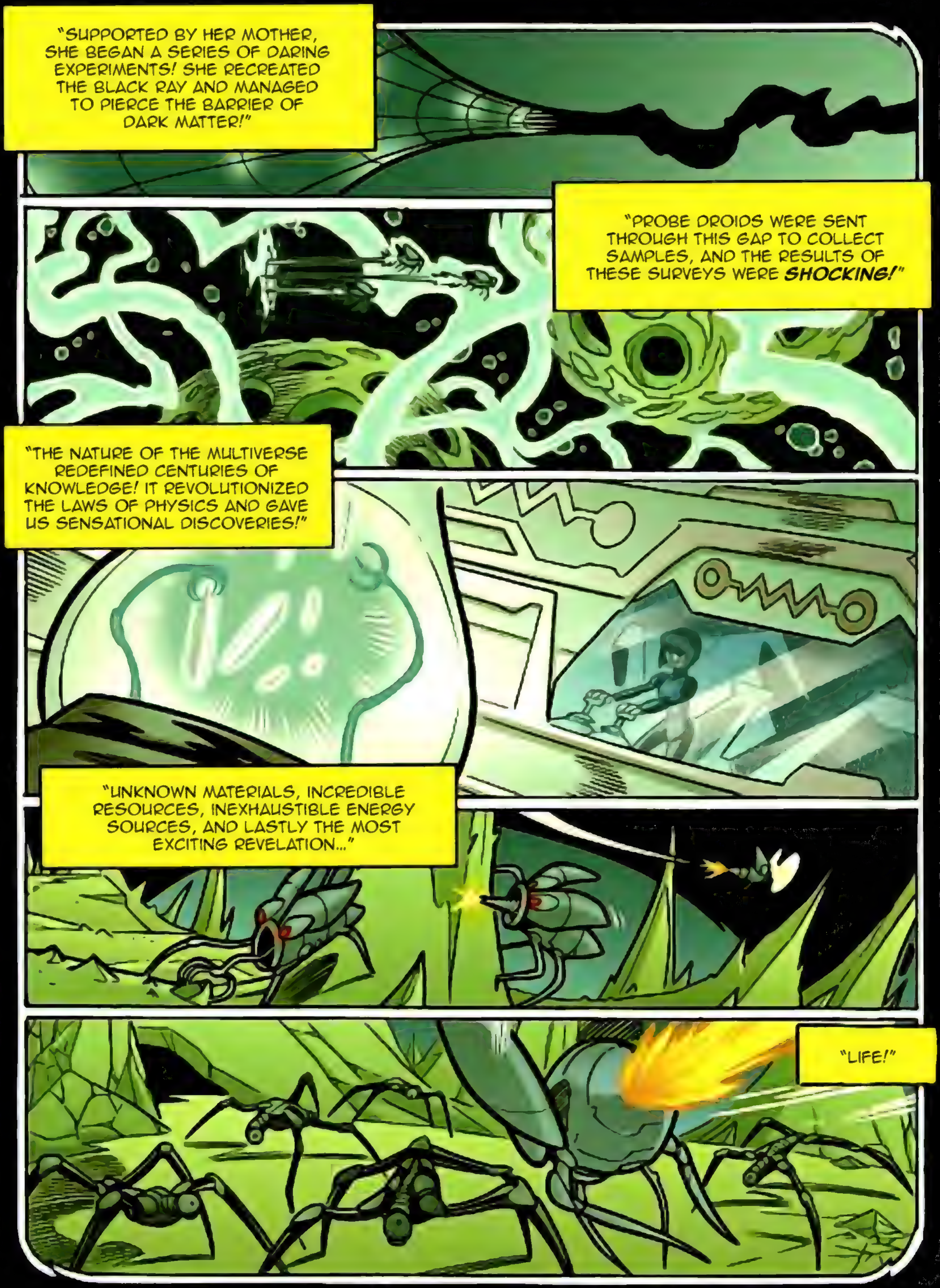

IN ORDER TO FOREVER ERASE MY NAME, KORINNA RESUMED MY MOST FOOLHARDY RESEARCHES, COMPLETING PROJECTS I HADN'T GONE THROUGH WITH!

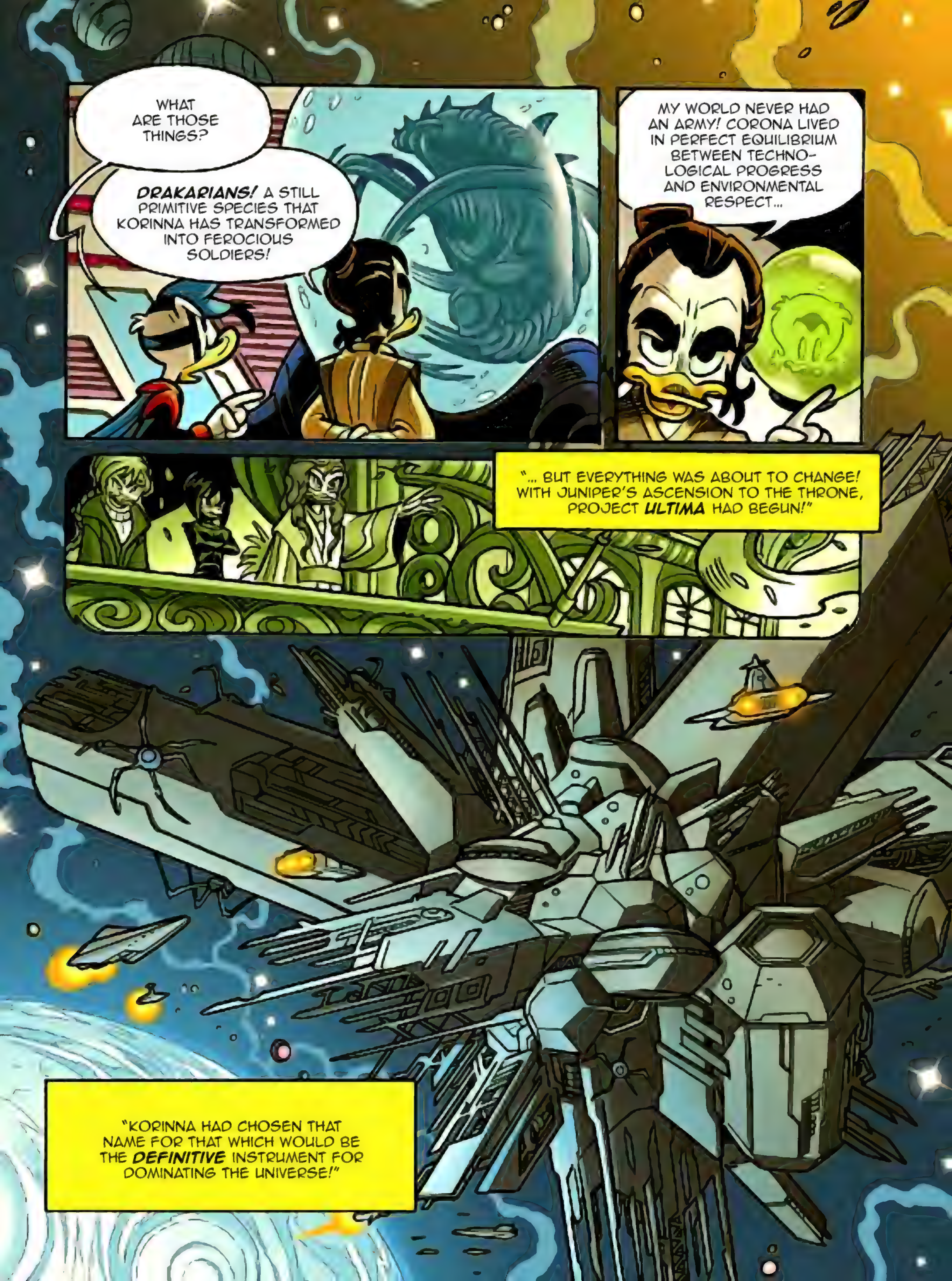

"THIS WAY SHE WOULD SHOW THAT SHE WAS THE **MOST BRILLIANT** OF THE DUCKLAIRS! SHE UNCOVERED MY PRIVATE STUDIES IN MY LABORATORY..."

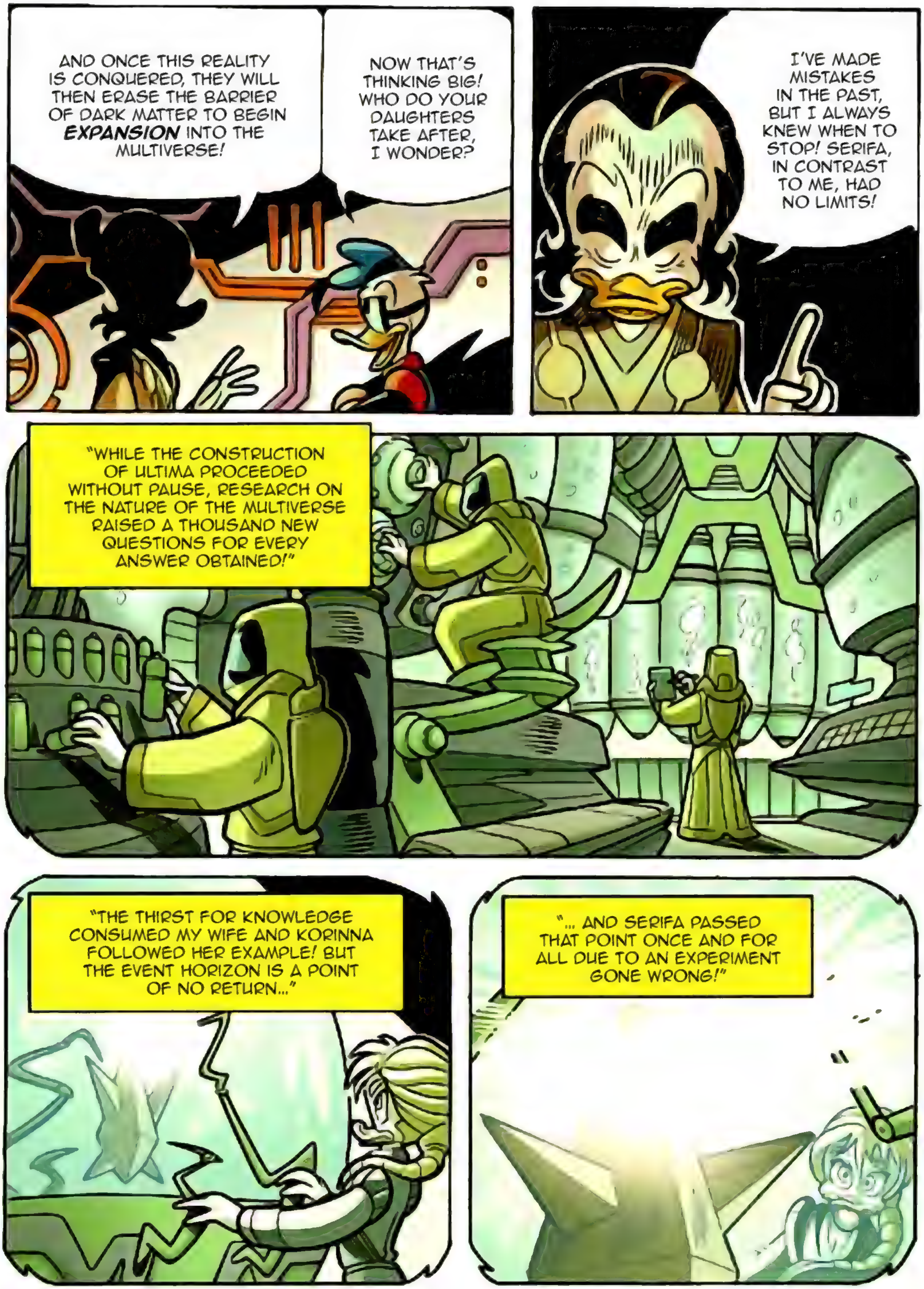

"... AND SOME OF THESE WERE DEDICATED TO MOLDROCK! HIS POWERS ORIGINATED FROM A COSMIC SINGULARITY THAT HAD CAUSED A **MUTATION...**"

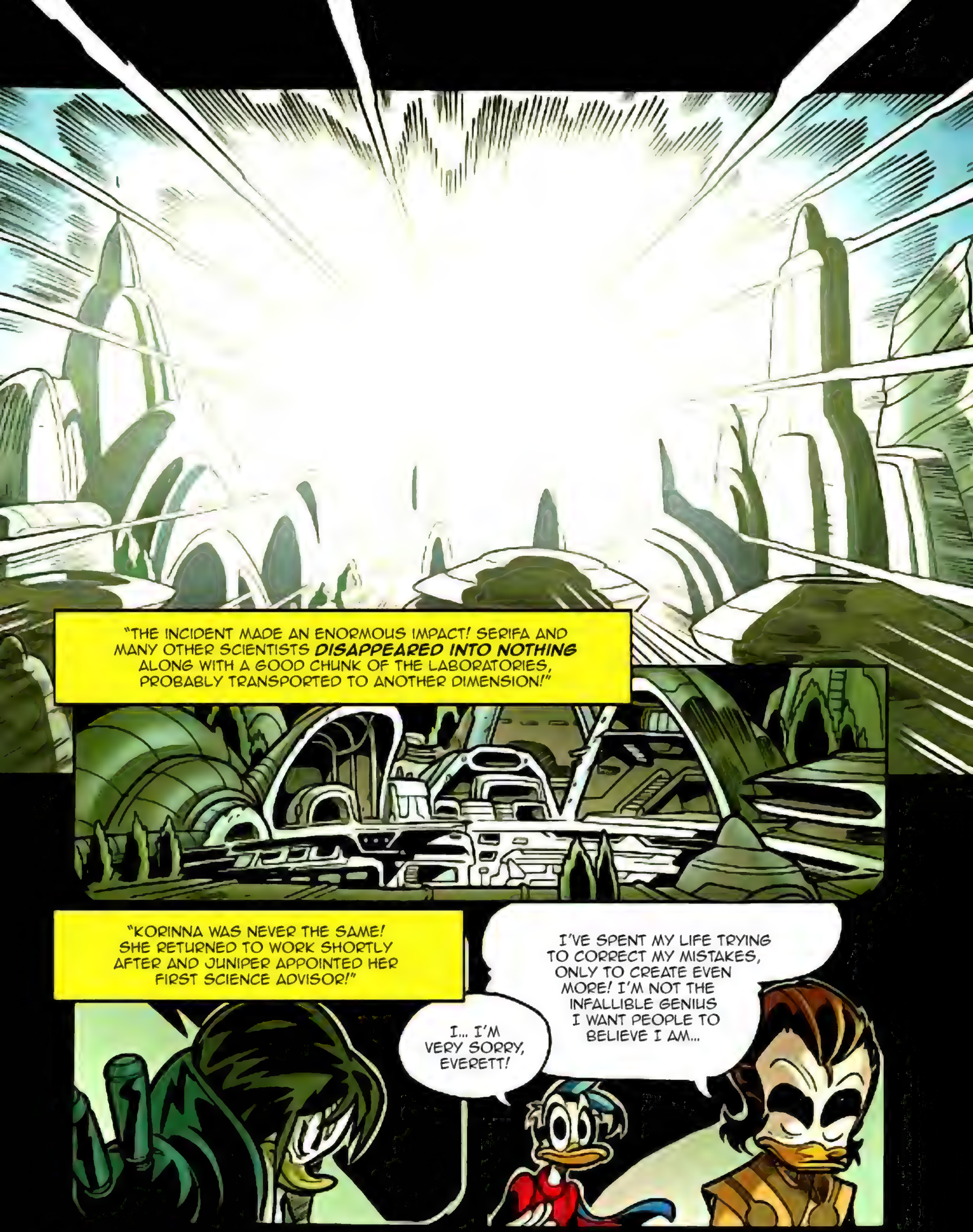

"THANKS TO THIS, MOLDROCK COULD TRANSFORM DARK MATTER INTO ENERGY! IT'S THROUGH WORKING ON THESE ELEMENTS THAT I MADE MY MOST **SENSATIONAL** DISCOVERY!"

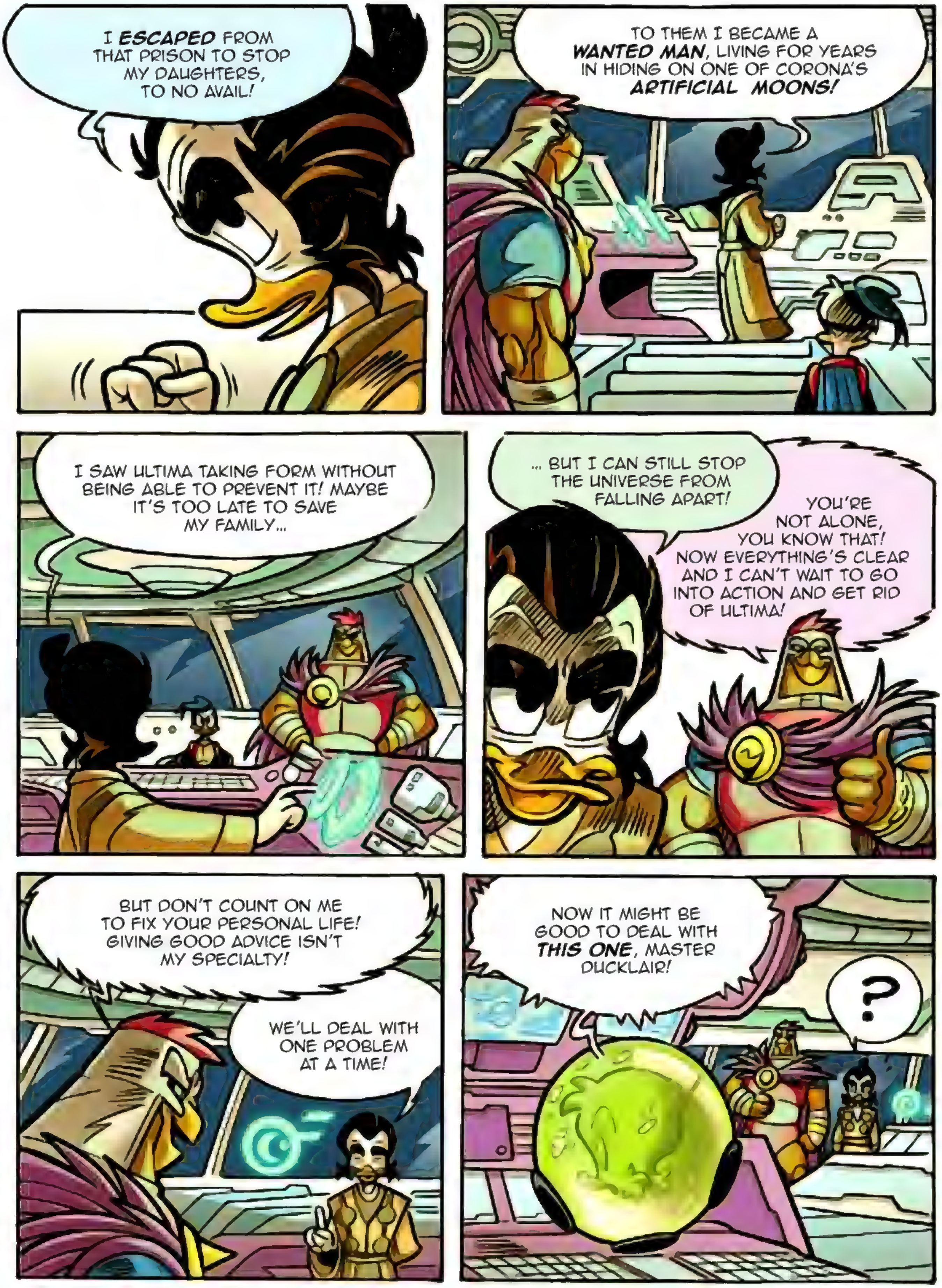

THIS DARK MATTER THAT MAKES UP A GREAT PART OF THE UNIVERSE WAS ONLY A BARRIER, A CONTAINMENT FIELD DIVIDING OUR REALITY FROM ***INFINITE OTHERS...***
THE INVISIBLE MASS CONNECTED AROUND US IS A SORT OF CURTAIN, AND BEHIND IT THERE'S A ***MULTIVERSE!*** FROM A TEAR OF THAT CLOTH CAME THE BLACK RAY...
... TURNING MOLDROCK INTO THE BEING YOU KNOW HIM AS!
THAT WAS MY ***EVENT HORIZON***, THE BORDER THAT WAS NOT TO BE CROSSED! I WASN'T READY TO CONFRONT WHATEVER WAS ON THE OTHER SIDE...
WHAT MADE YOU STOP?
THE FEAR OF DISCOVERING ***UNCONTROLLABLE*** FORCES! I SAW ***UNIVERSAL DANGER...***
"... WHILE KORINNA ENVISIONED ***GLORY*** AND ***POWER*** AND AN INFINITE TERRAIN OF ***CONQUEST!***"


"SUPPORTED BY HER MOTHER, SHE BEGAN A SERIES OF DARING EXPERIMENTS! SHE RECREATED THE BLACK RAY AND MANAGED TO PIERCE THE BARRIER OF DARK MATTER!"
"PROBE DROIDS WERE SENT THROUGH THIS GAP TO COLLECT SAMPLES, AND THE RESULTS OF THESE SURVEYS WERE **SHOCKING!**"
"THE NATURE OF THE MULTIVERSE REDEFINED CENTURIES OF KNOWLEDGE! IT REVOLUTIONIZED THE LAWS OF PHYSICS AND GAVE US SENSATIONAL DISCOVERIES!"
"UNKNOWN MATERIALS, INCREDIBLE RESOURCES, INEXHAUSTIBLE ENERGY SOURCES, AND LASTLY THE MOST EXCITING REVELATION..."
"LIFE!"


WHAT ARE THOSE THINGS?
DRAKARIANS! A STILL PRIMITIVE SPECIES THAT KORINNA HAS TRANSFORMED INTO FEROCIOUS SOLDIERS!
MY WORLD NEVER HAD AN ARMY! CORONA LIVED IN PERFECT EQUILIBRIUM BETWEEN TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESPECT...
"... BUT EVERYTHING WAS ABOUT TO CHANGE! WITH JUNIPER'S ASCENSION TO THE THRONE, PROJECT ULTIMA HAD BEGUN!"
"KORINNA HAD CHOSEN THAT NAME FOR THAT WHICH WOULD BE THE DEFINITIVE INSTRUMENT FOR DOMINATING THE UNIVERSE!"


AND ONCE THIS REALITY IS CONQUERED, THEY WILL THEN ERASE THE BARRIER OF DARK MATTER TO BEGIN **EXPANSION** INTO THE MULTIVERSE!
NOW THAT'S THINKING BIG! WHO DO YOUR DAUGHTERS TAKE AFTER, I WONDER?
I'VE MADE MISTAKES IN THE PAST, BUT I ALWAYS KNEW WHEN TO STOP! SERIFA, IN CONTRAST TO ME, HAD NO LIMITS!
"WHILE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ULTIMA PROCEEDED WITHOUT PAUSE, RESEARCH ON THE NATURE OF THE MULTIVERSE RAISED A THOUSAND NEW QUESTIONS FOR EVERY ANSWER OBTAINED!"
"THE THIRST FOR KNOWLEDGE CONSUMED MY WIFE AND KORINNA FOLLOWED HER EXAMPLE! BUT THE EVENT HORIZON IS A POINT OF NO RETURN..."
"... AND SERIFA PASSED THAT POINT ONCE AND FOR ALL DUE TO AN EXPERIMENT GONE WRONG!"


"THE INCIDENT MADE AN ENORMOUS IMPACT! SERIFA AND MANY OTHER SCIENTISTS ***DISAPPEARED INTO NOTHING*** ALONG WITH A GOOD CHUNK OF THE LABORATORIES, PROBABLY TRANSPORTED TO ANOTHER DIMENSION!"
"KORINNA WAS NEVER THE SAME! SHE RETURNED TO WORK SHORTLY AFTER AND JUNIPER APPOINTED HER FIRST SCIENCE ADVISOR!"
I'VE SPENT MY LIFE TRYING TO CORRECT MY MISTAKES, ONLY TO CREATE EVEN MORE! I'M NOT THE INFALLIBLE GENIUS I WANT PEOPLE TO BELIEVE I AM...
I... I'M VERY SORRY, EVERETT!


I **ESCAPED** FROM THAT PRISON TO STOP MY DAUGHTERS, TO NO AVAIL!
TO THEM I BECAME A **WANTED MAN**, LIVING FOR YEARS IN HIDING ON ONE OF CORONA'S **ARTIFICIAL MOONS!**
I SAW ULTIMA TAKING FORM WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO PREVENT IT! MAYBE IT'S TOO LATE TO SAVE MY FAMILY...
... BUT I CAN STILL STOP THE UNIVERSE FROM FALLING APART!
YOU'RE NOT ALONE, YOU KNOW THAT! NOW EVERYTHING'S CLEAR AND I CAN'T WAIT TO GO INTO ACTION AND GET RID OF ULTIMA!
BUT DON'T COUNT ON ME TO FIX YOUR PERSONAL LIFE! GIVING GOOD ADVICE ISN'T MY SPECIALTY!
WE'LL DEAL WITH ONE PROBLEM AT A TIME!
NOW IT MIGHT BE GOOD TO DEAL WITH **THIS ONE**, MASTER DUCKLAIR!
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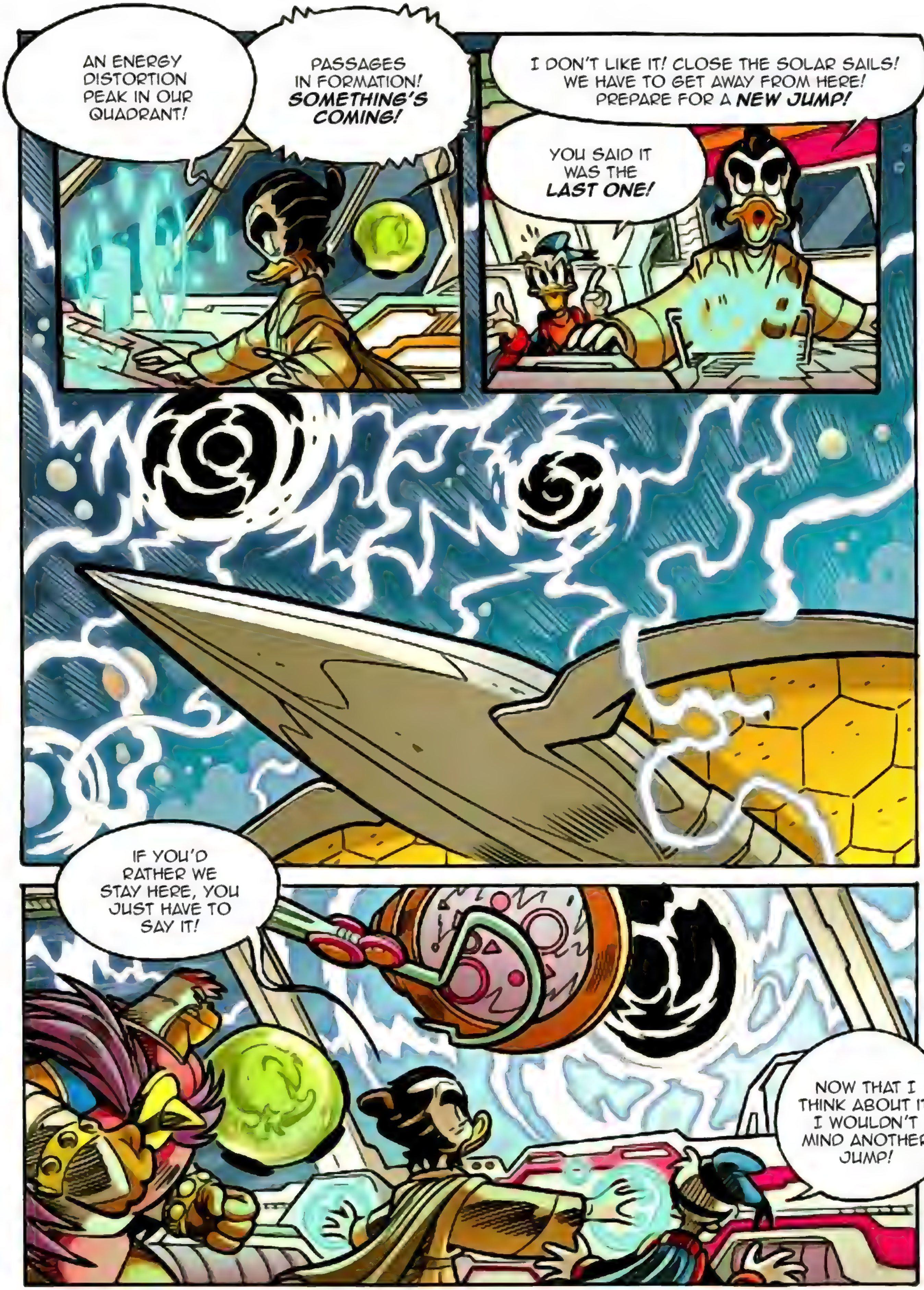
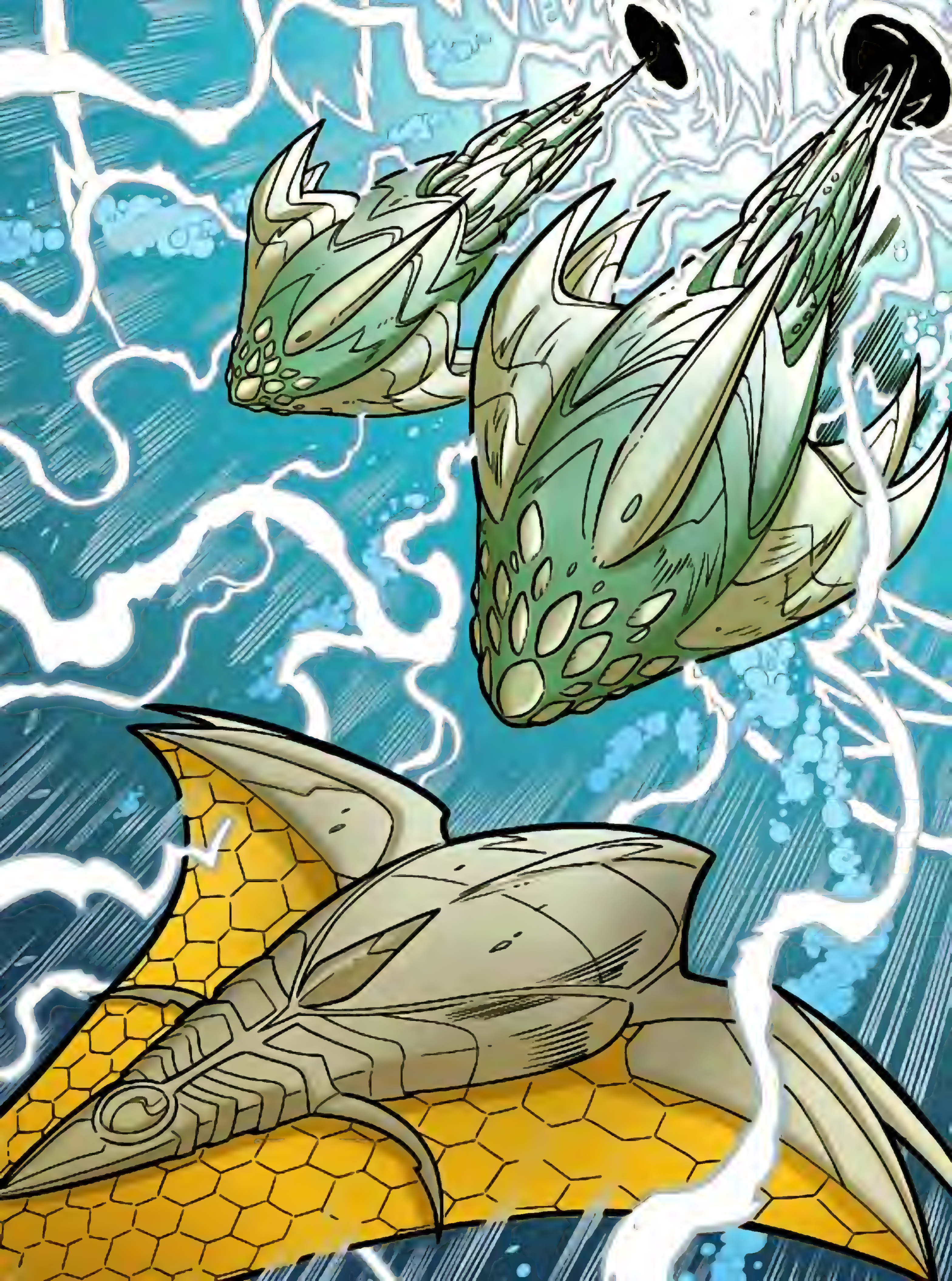
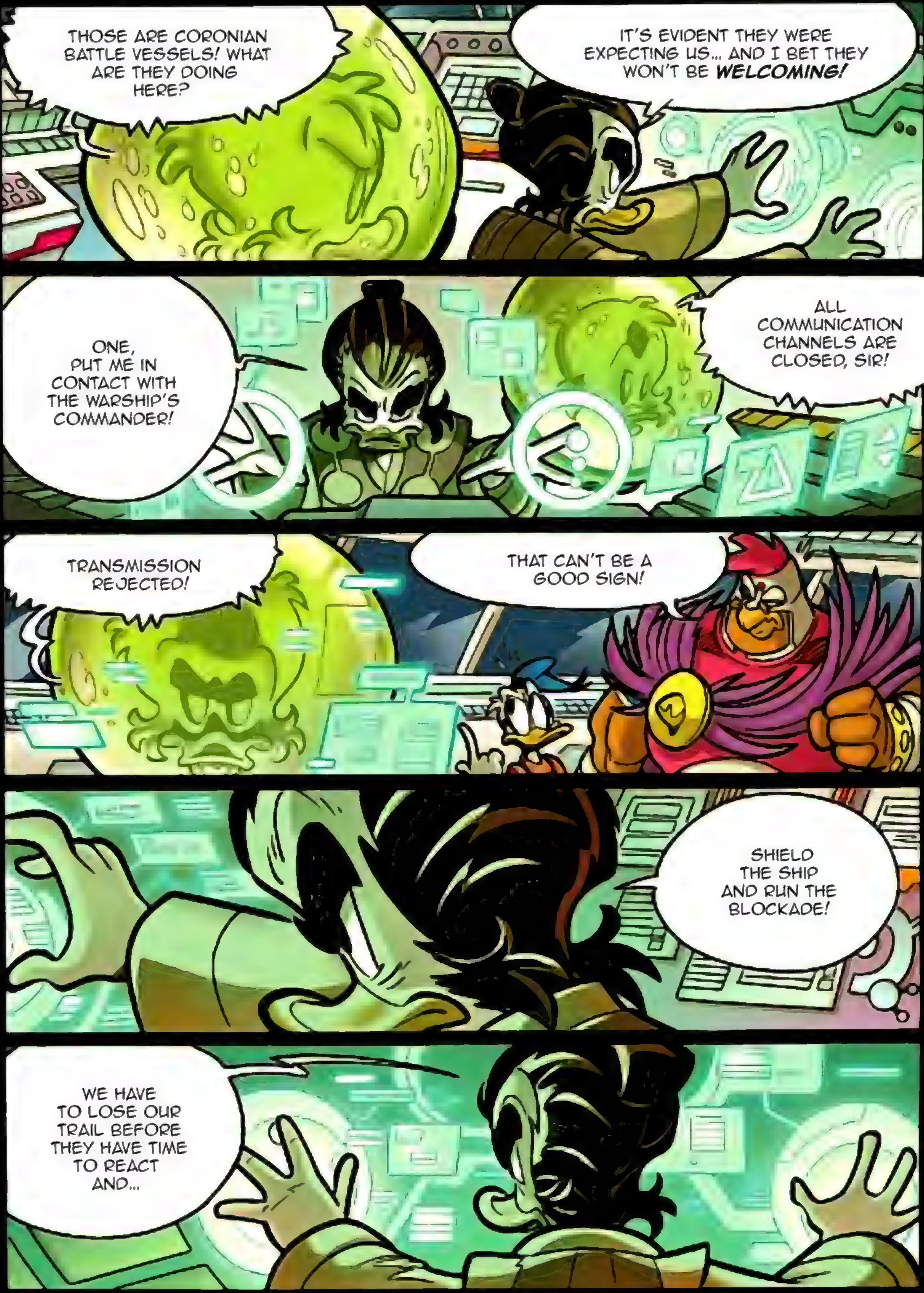
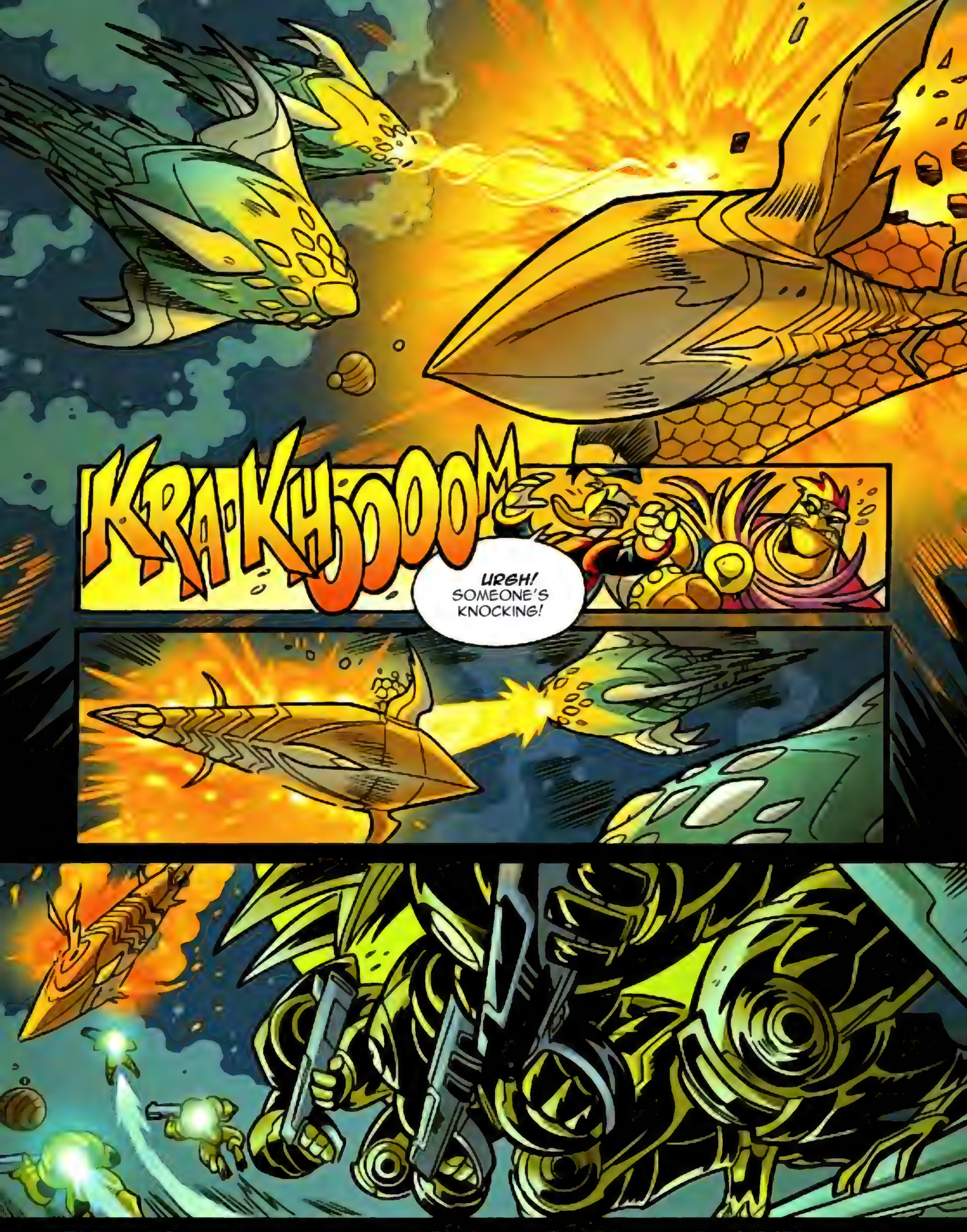
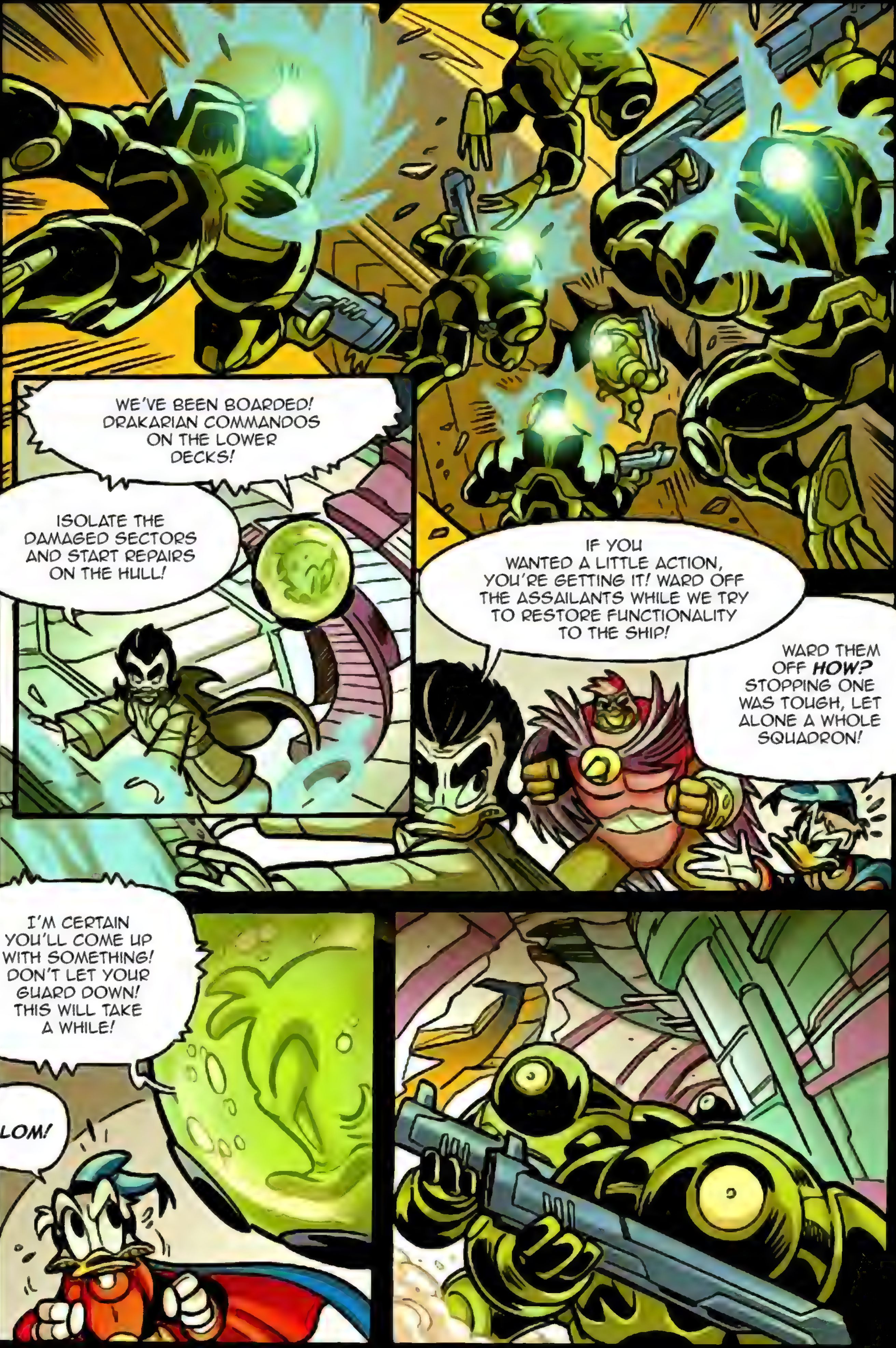
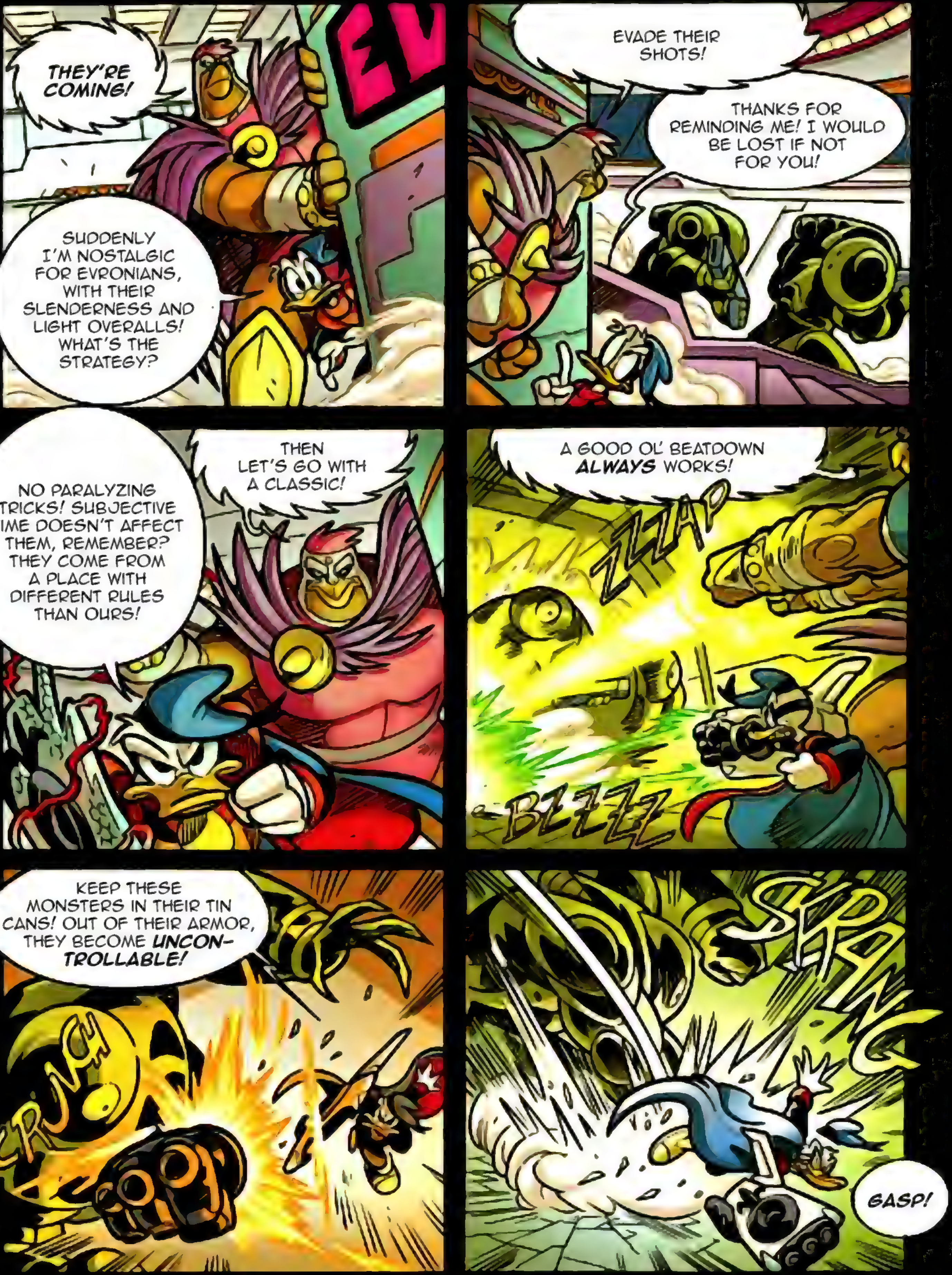

AN ENERGY DISTORTION PEAK IN OUR QUADRANT!
PASSAGES IN FORMATION! **SOMETHING'S COMING!**
I DON'T LIKE IT! CLOSE THE SOLAR SAILS! WE HAVE TO GET AWAY FROM HERE! PREPARE FOR A **NEW JUMP!**
YOU SAID IT WAS THE **LAST ONE!**
IF YOU'D RATHER WE STAY HERE, YOU JUST HAVE TO SAY IT!
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I WOULDN'T MIND ANOTHER JUMP!

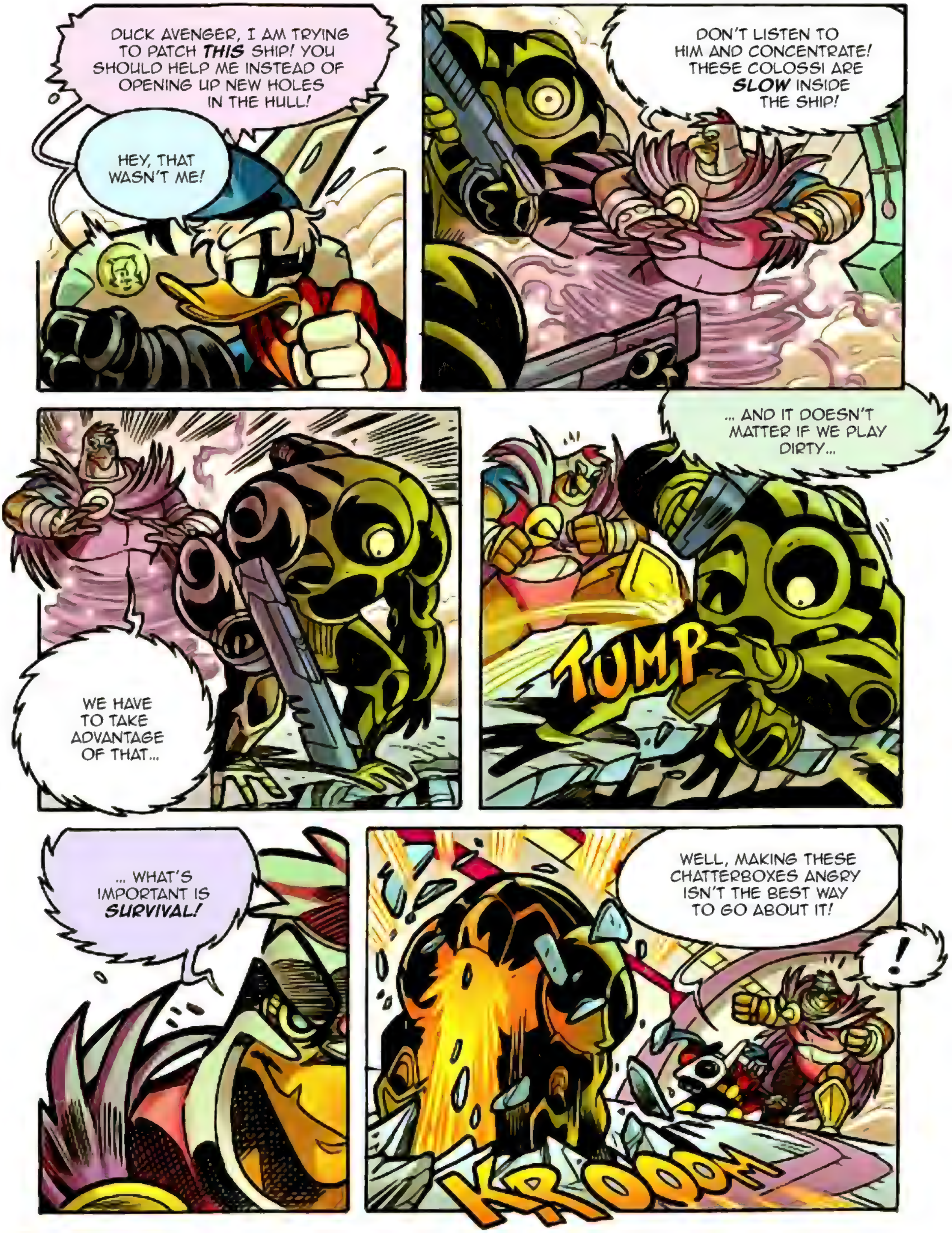



THOSE ARE CORONIAN BATTLE VESSELS! WHAT ARE THEY DOING HERE?
IT'S EVIDENT THEY WERE EXPECTING US... AND I BET THEY WON'T BE **WELCOMING!**
ONE, PUT ME IN CONTACT WITH THE WARSHIP'S COMMANDER!
ALL COMMUNICATION CHANNELS ARE CLOSED, SIR!
TRANSMISSION REJECTED!
THAT CAN'T BE A GOOD SIGN!
SHIELD THE SHIP AND RUN THE BLOCKADE!
WE HAVE TO LOSE OUR TRAIL BEFORE THEY HAVE TIME TO REACT AND...


KRA-KHOOOOM
URGH! SOMEONE'S KNOCKING!


WE'VE BEEN BOARDED! DRAKARIAN COMMANDOS ON THE LOWER DECKS!
ISOLATE THE DAMAGED SECTORS AND START REPAIRS ON THE HULL!
IF YOU WANTED A LITTLE ACTION, YOU'RE GETTING IT! WARD OFF THE ASSAILANTS WHILE WE TRY TO RESTORE FUNCTIONALITY TO THE SHIP!
WARD THEM OFF HOW? STOPPING ONE WAS TOUGH, LET ALONE A WHOLE SQUADRON!
I'M CERTAIN YOU'LL COME UP WITH SOMETHING! DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN! THIS WILL TAKE A WHILE!
GLOM!


THEY'RE COMING!
SUDDENLY I'M NOSTALGIC FOR EVRONIANS, WITH THEIR SLENDERNESS AND LIGHT OVERALLS! WHAT'S THE STRATEGY?
EVADE THEIR SHOTS!
THANKS FOR REMINDING ME! I WOULD BE LOST IF NOT FOR YOU!
NO PARALYZING TRICKS! SUBJECTIVE TIME DOESN'T AFFECT THEM, REMEMBER? THEY COME FROM A PLACE WITH DIFFERENT RULES THAN OURS!
THEN LET'S GO WITH A CLASSIC!
A GOOD OL' BEATDOWN ***ALWAYS*** WORKS!
ZZZAP
BZZZZ
KEEP THESE MONSTERS IN THEIR TIN CANS! OUT OF THEIR ARMOR, THEY BECOME ***UNCONTROLLABLE!***
GASP!


DUCK AVENGER, I AM TRYING TO PATCH **THIS** SHIP! YOU SHOULD HELP ME INSTEAD OF OPENING UP NEW HOLES IN THE HULL!
HEY, THAT WASN'T ME!
DON'T LISTEN TO HIM AND CONCENTRATE! THESE COLOSSI ARE **SLOW** INSIDE THE SHIP!
WE HAVE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT...
... AND IT DOESN'T MATTER IF WE PLAY DIRTY...
TUMP
... WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS **SURVIVAL!**
WELL, MAKING THESE CHATTERBOXES ANGRY ISN'T THE BEST WAY TO GO ABOUT IT!
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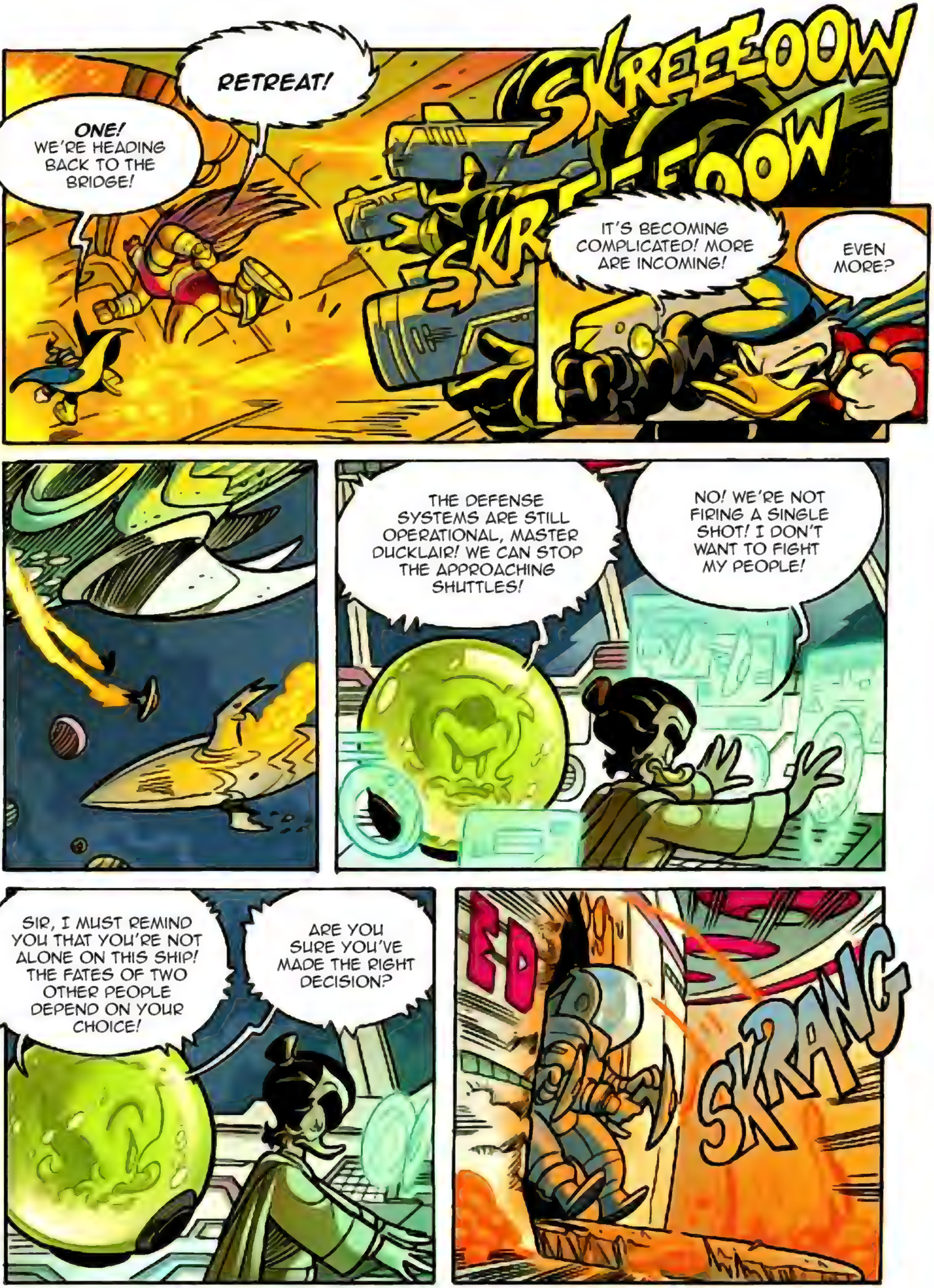
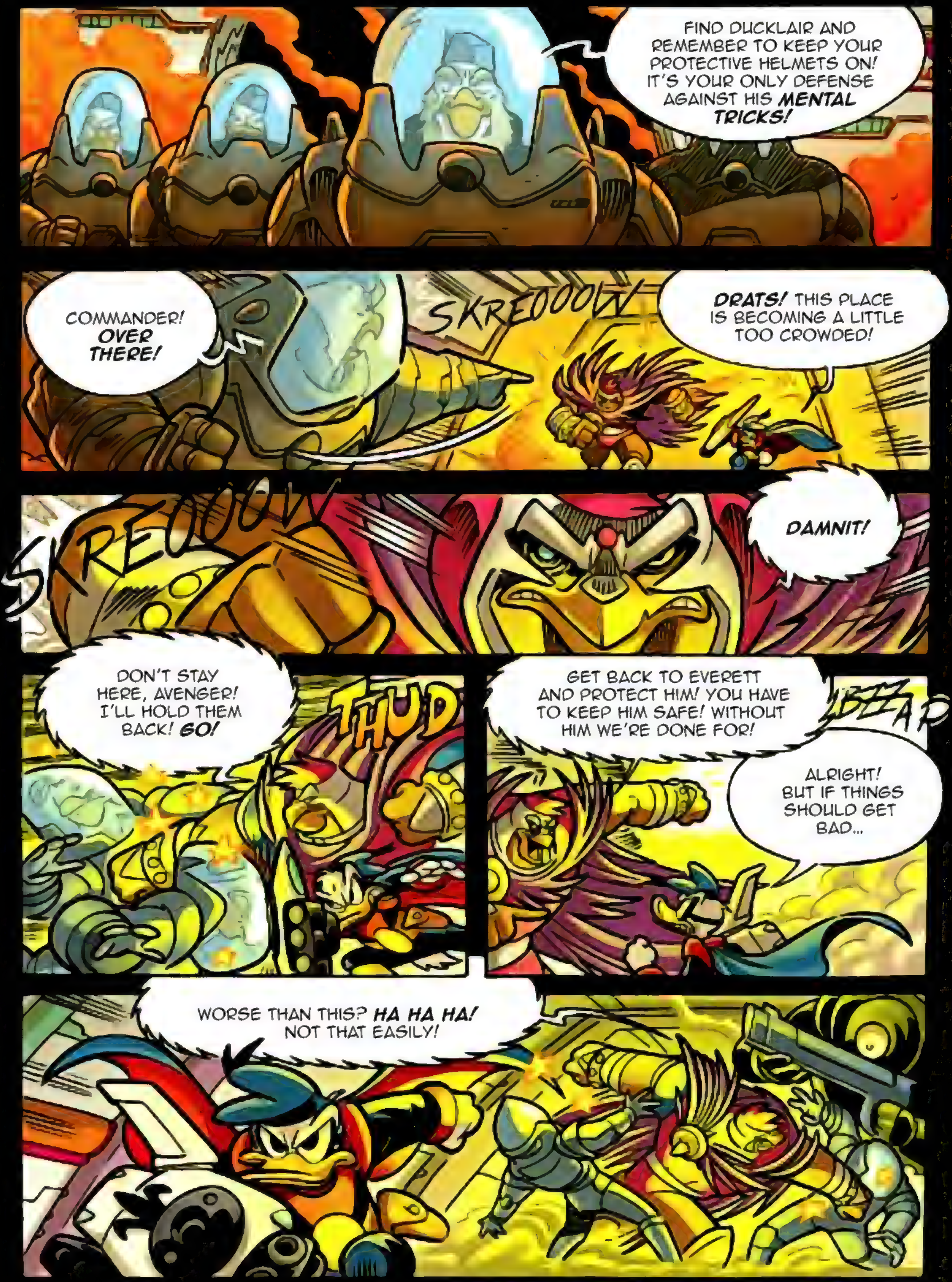
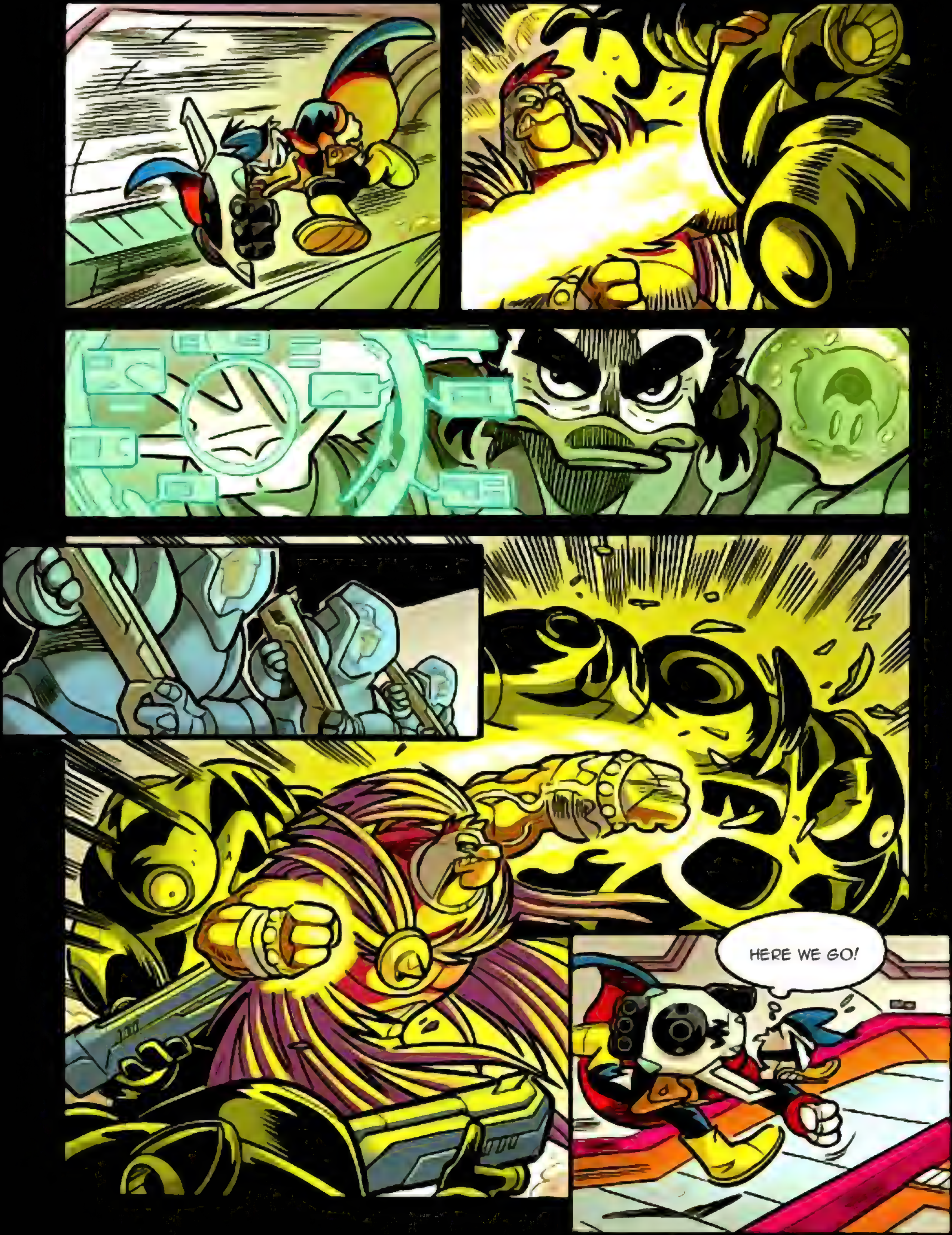
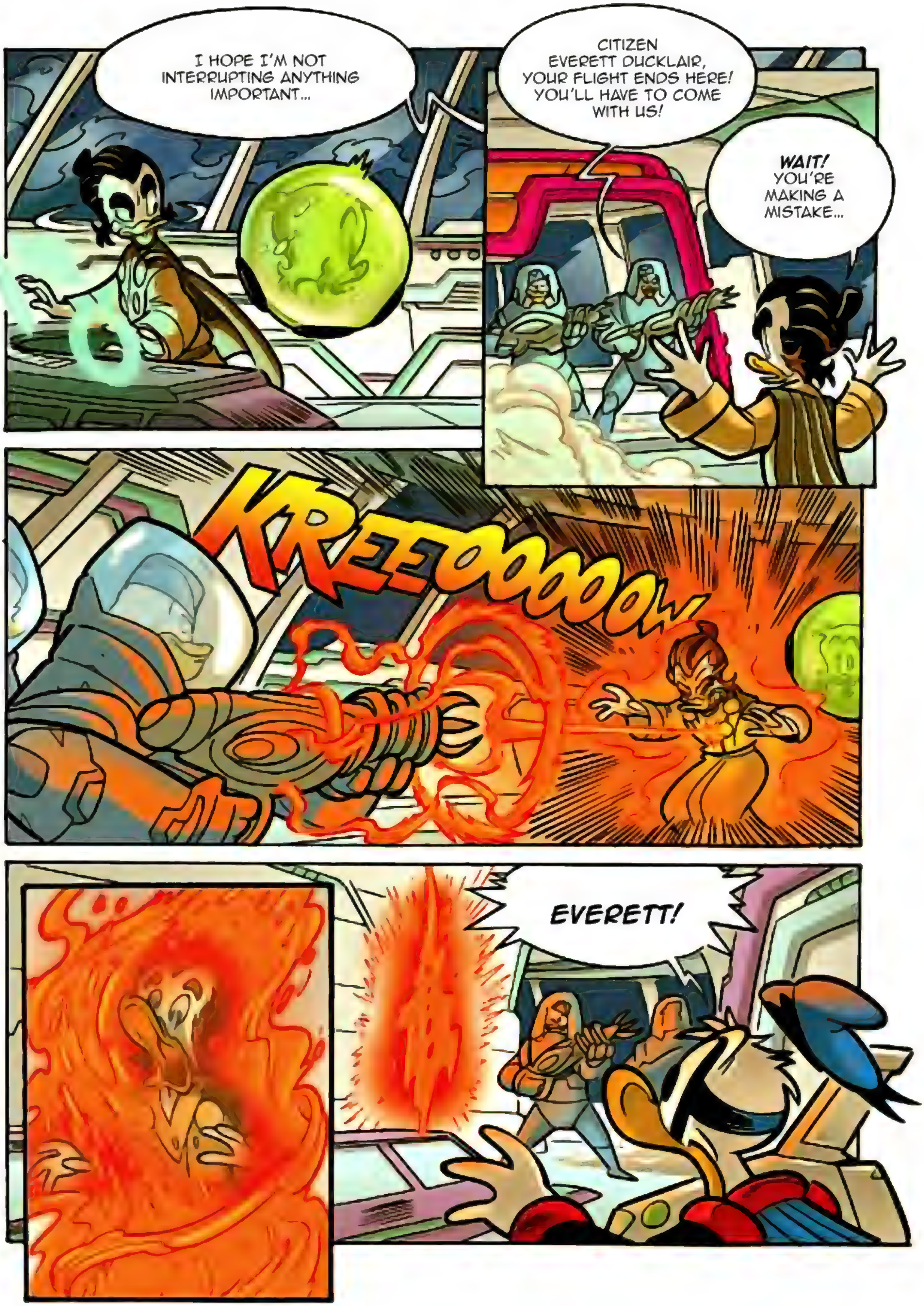
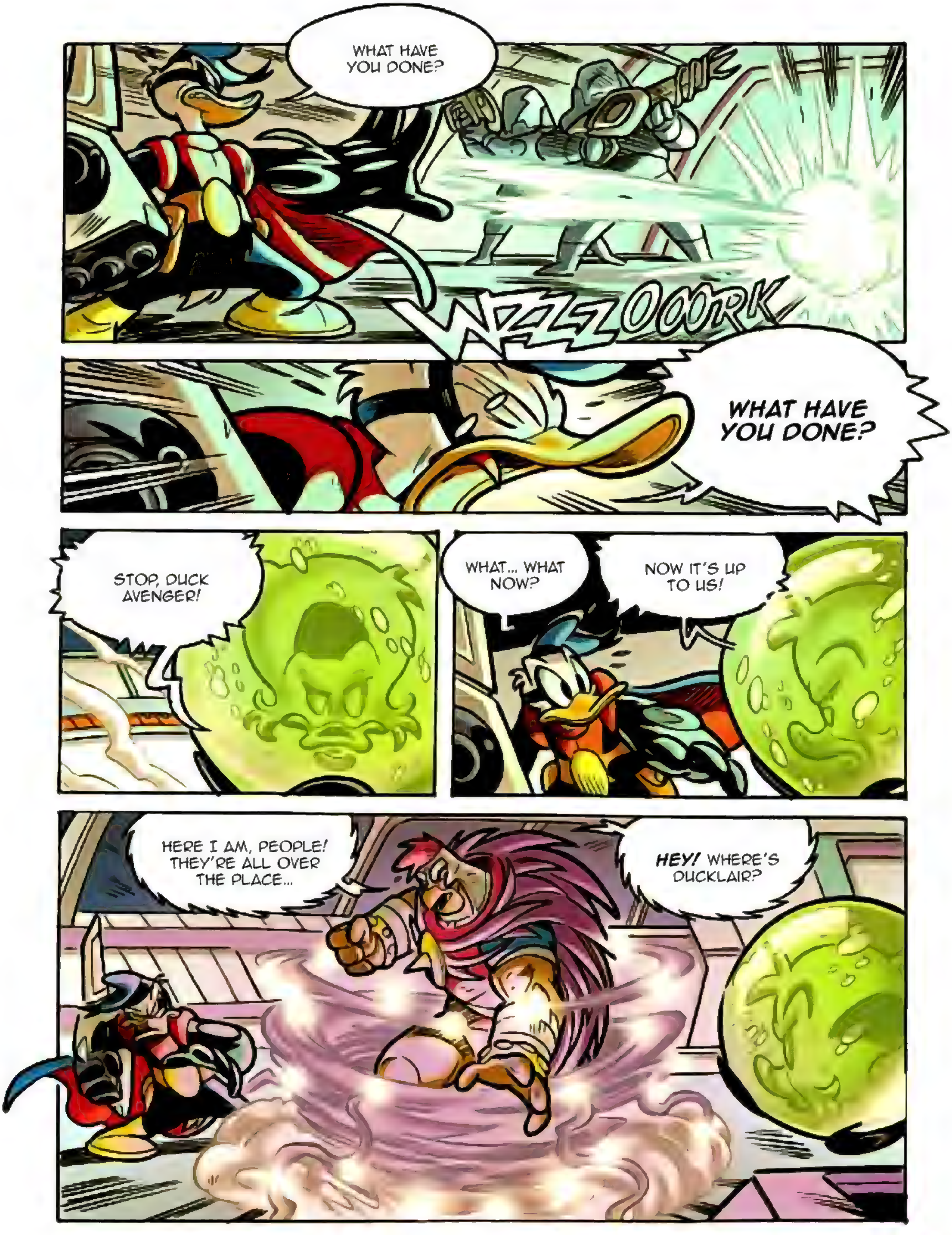
KROOOM

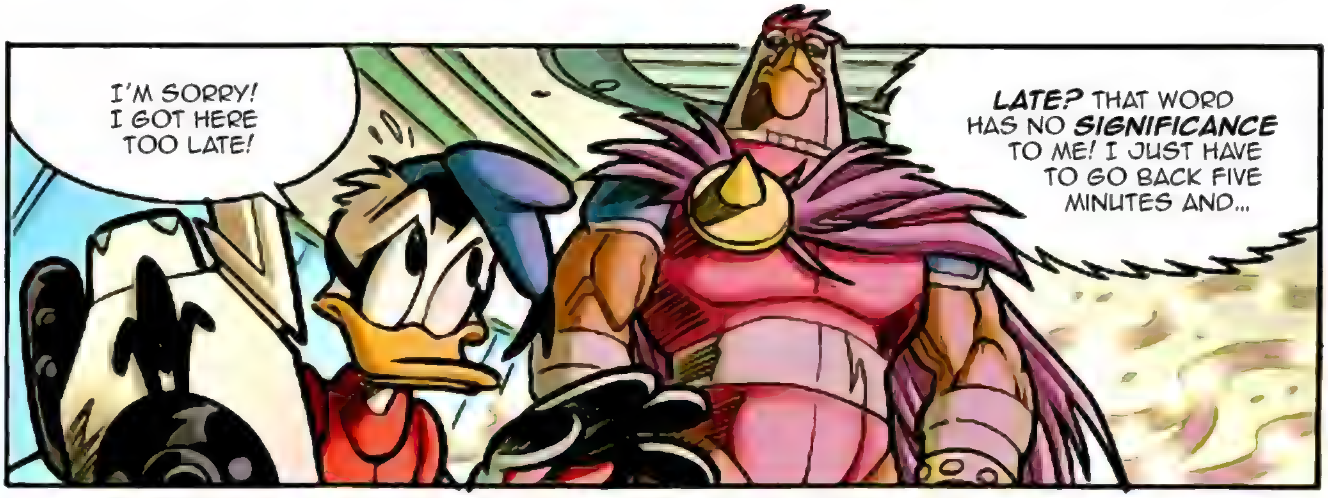

ONE! WE'RE HEADING BACK TO THE BRIDGE!
RETREAT!
SKREEEOOW
SKREEEOOW
IT'S BECOMING COMPLICATED! MORE ARE INCOMING!
EVEN MORE?
THE DEFENSE SYSTEMS ARE STILL OPERATIONAL, MASTER DUCKLAIR! WE CAN STOP THE APPROACHING SHUTTLES!
NO! WE'RE NOT FIRING A SINGLE SHOT! I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT MY PEOPLE!
SIR, I MUST REMIND YOU THAT YOU'RE NOT ALONE ON THIS SHIP! THE FATES OF TWO OTHER PEOPLE DEPEND ON YOUR CHOICE!
ARE YOU SURE YOU'VE MADE THE RIGHT DECISION?
SKRANG

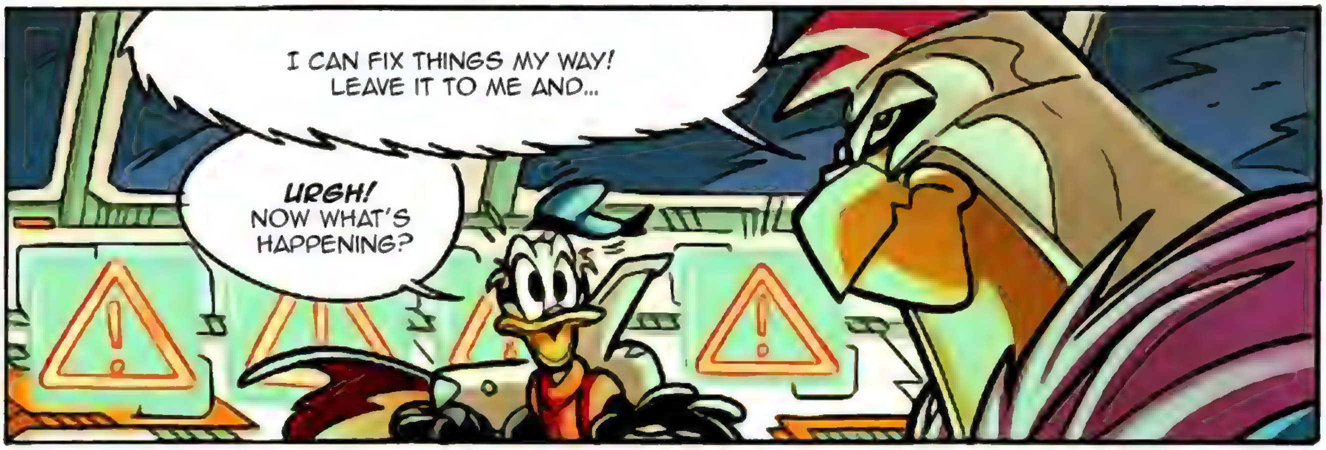

FIND DUCKLAIR AND REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR PROTECTIVE HELMETS ON! IT'S YOUR ONLY DEFENSE AGAINST HIS **MENTAL TRICKS!**
COMMANDER! **OVER THERE!**
SKREOOOW
DRATS! THIS PLACE IS BECOMING A LITTLE TOO CROWDED!
SKREOOOW
DAMNIT!
DON'T STAY HERE, AVENGER! I'LL HOLD THEM BACK! **GO!**
THUD
GET BACK TO EVERETT AND PROTECT HIM! YOU HAVE TO KEEP HIM SAFE! WITHOUT HIM WE'RE DONE FOR!
ALRIGHT! BUT IF THINGS SHOULD GET BAD...
WORSE THAN THIS? **HA HA HA!** NOT THAT EASILY!

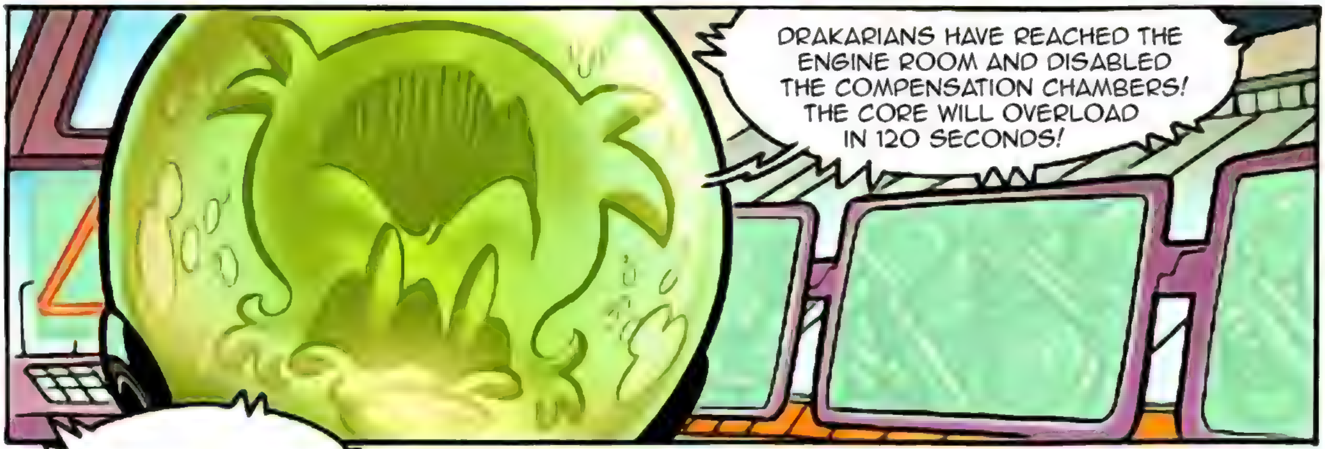

HERE WE GO!

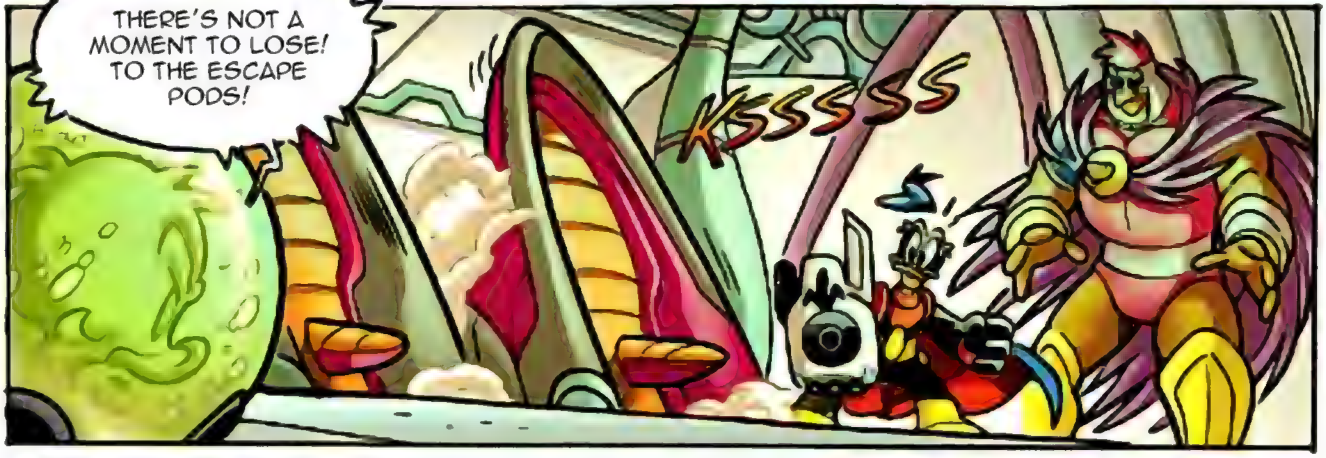

I HOPE I'M NOT INTERRUPTING ANYTHING IMPORTANT...
CITIZEN EVERETT DUCKLAIR, YOUR FLIGHT ENDS HERE! YOU'LL HAVE TO COME WITH US!
WAIT! YOU'RE MAKING A MISTAKE...
KREEOOOOOOW
EVERETT!

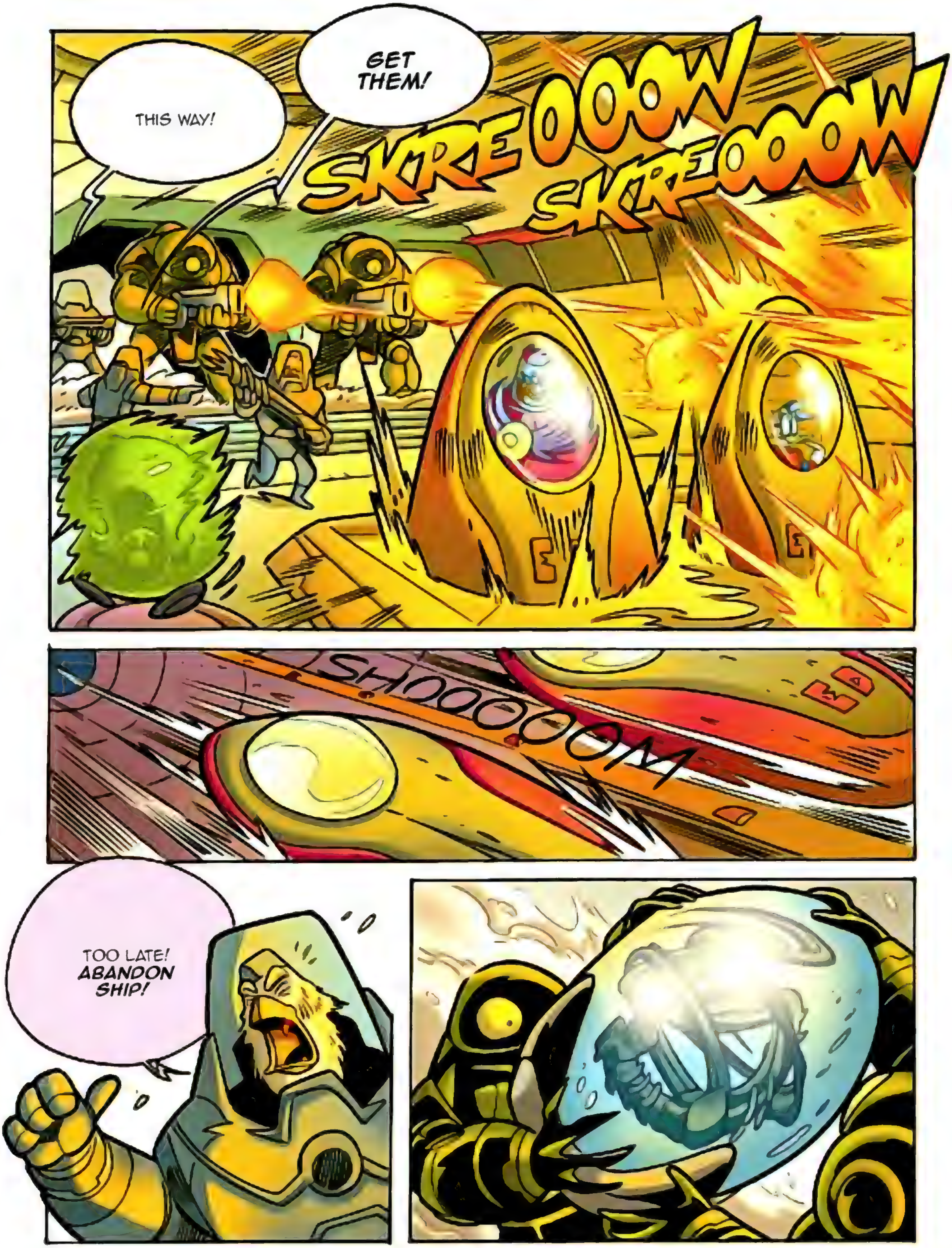

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?
WZZZOOORK
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?
STOP, DUCK AVENGER!
WHAT... WHAT NOW?
NOW IT'S UP TO US!
HERE I AM, PEOPLE! THEY'RE ALL OVER THE PLACE...
HEY! WHERE'S DUCKLAIR?

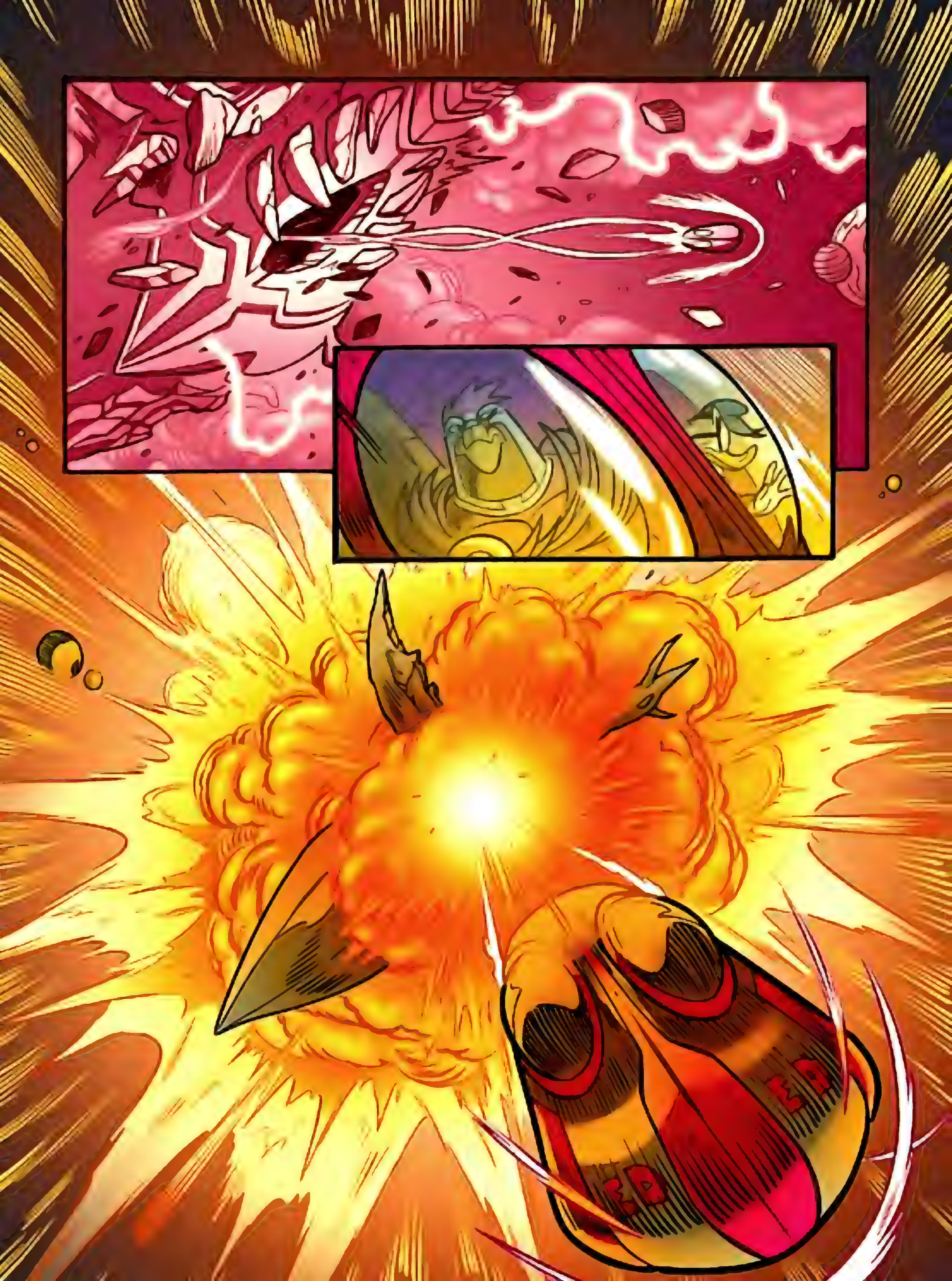

I'M SORRY! I GOT HERE TOO LATE!
LATE? THAT WORD HAS NO **SIGNIFICANCE** TO ME! I JUST HAVE TO GO BACK FIVE MINUTES AND...


I CAN FIX THINGS MY WAY! LEAVE IT TO ME AND...
URGH! NOW WHAT'S HAPPENING?


DRAKARIANS HAVE REACHED THE ENGINE ROOM AND DISABLED THE COMPENSATION CHAMBERS! THE CORE WILL OVERLOAD IN 120 SECONDS!


THERE'S NOT A MOMENT TO LOSE! TO THE ESCAPE PODS!
KSSSSS


THIS WAY!
GET THEM!
SKREOOOW
SKREOOOOW
SHOOOOOOM
TOO LATE! ABANDON SHIP!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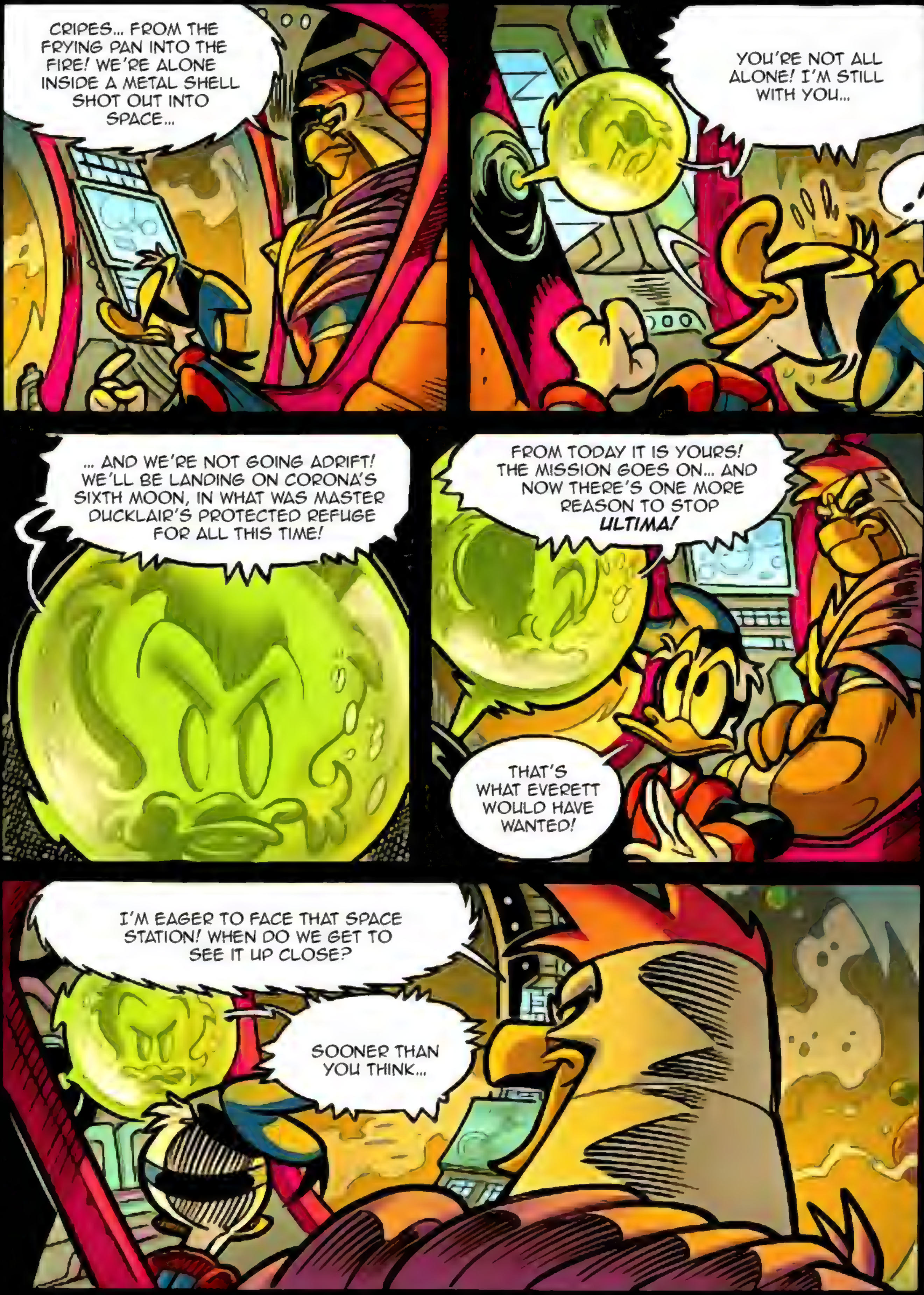
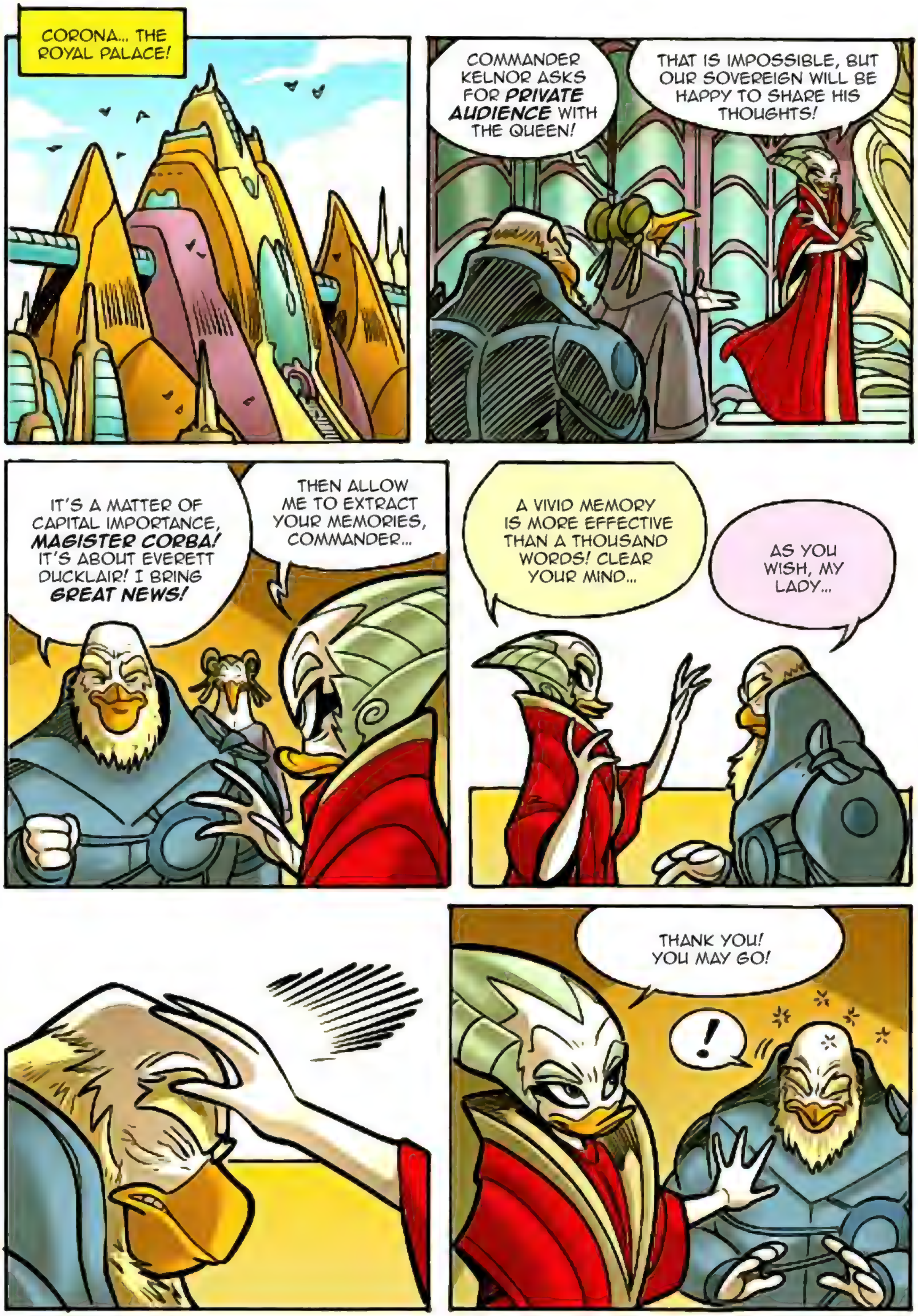

CRIPES... FROM THE FRYING PAN INTO THE FIRE! WE'RE ALONE INSIDE A METAL SHELL SHOT OUT INTO SPACE...
YOU'RE NOT ALL ALONE! I'M STILL WITH YOU...
!
... AND WE'RE NOT GOING ADRIFT! WE'LL BE LANDING ON CORONA'S SIXTH MOON, IN WHAT WAS MASTER DUCKLAIR'S PROTECTED REFUGE FOR ALL THIS TIME!
FROM TODAY IT IS YOURS! THE MISSION GOES ON... AND NOW THERE'S ONE MORE REASON TO STOP ***ULTIMA!***
THAT'S WHAT EVERETT WOULD HAVE WANTED!
I'M EAGER TO FACE THAT SPACE STATION! WHEN DO WE GET TO SEE IT UP CLOSE?
SOONER THAN YOU THINK...

THERE... THIS IS ULTIMA!


CORONA... THE ROYAL PALACE!
COMMANDER KELNOR ASKS FOR **PRIVATE AUDIENCE** WITH THE QUEEN!
THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE, BUT OUR SOVEREIGN WILL BE HAPPY TO SHARE HIS THOUGHTS!
IT'S A MATTER OF CAPITAL IMPORTANCE, **MAGISTER CORBA!** IT'S ABOUT EVERETT DUCKLAIR! I BRING **GREAT NEWS!**
THEN ALLOW ME TO EXTRACT YOUR MEMORIES, COMMANDER...
A VIVID MEMORY IS MORE EFFECTIVE THAN A THOUSAND WORDS! CLEAR YOUR MIND...
AS YOU WISH, MY LADY...
THANK YOU! YOU MAY GO!
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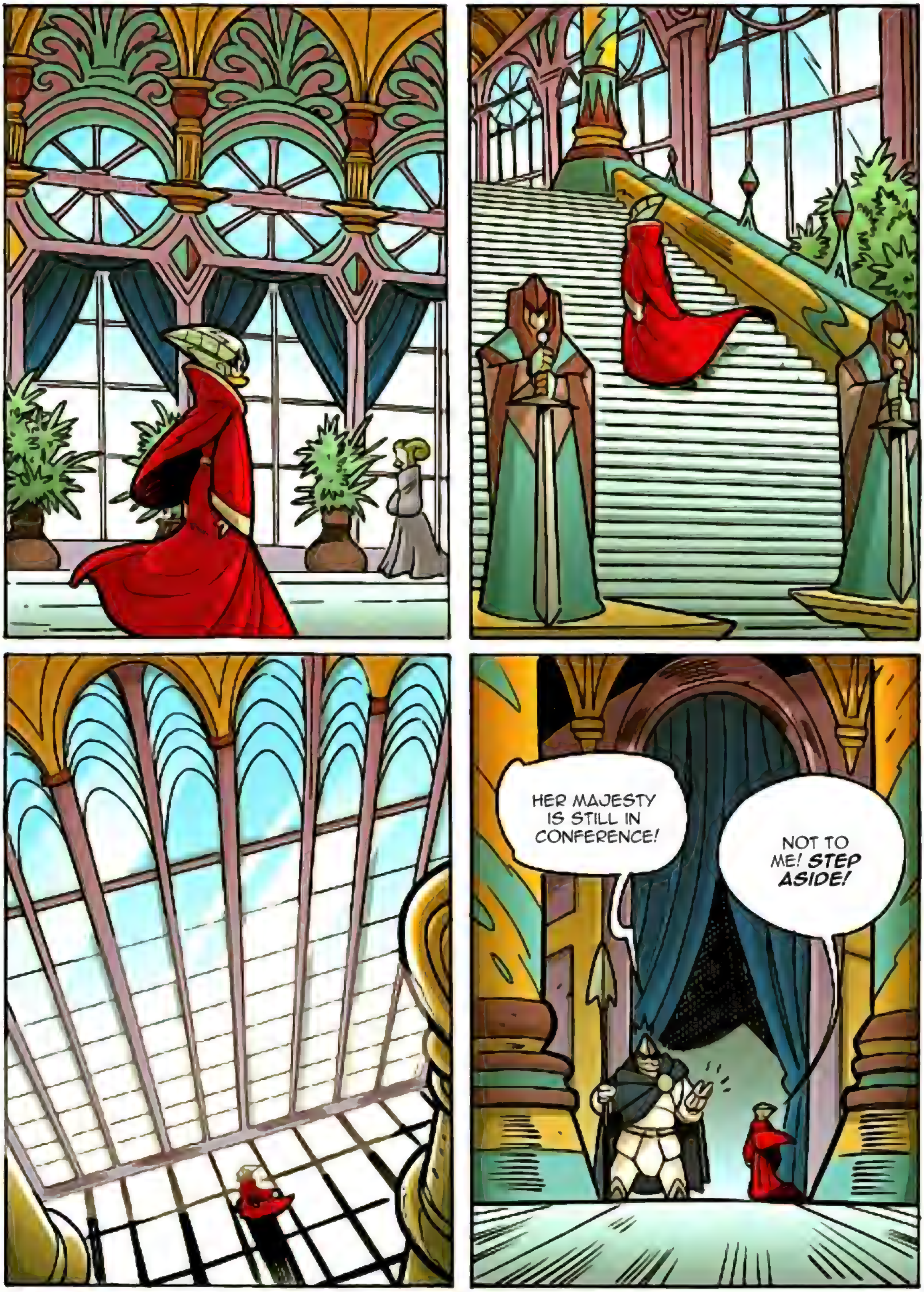
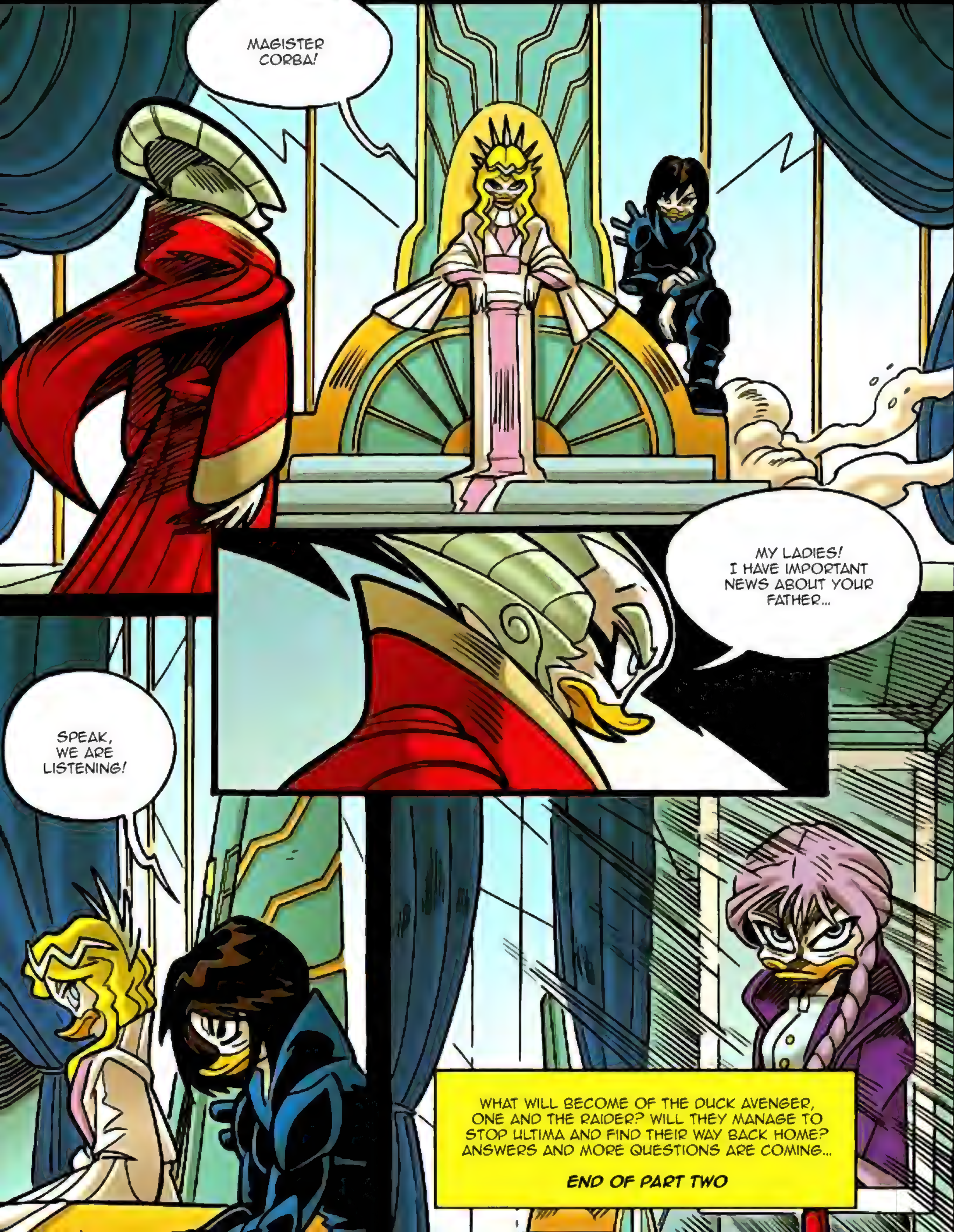
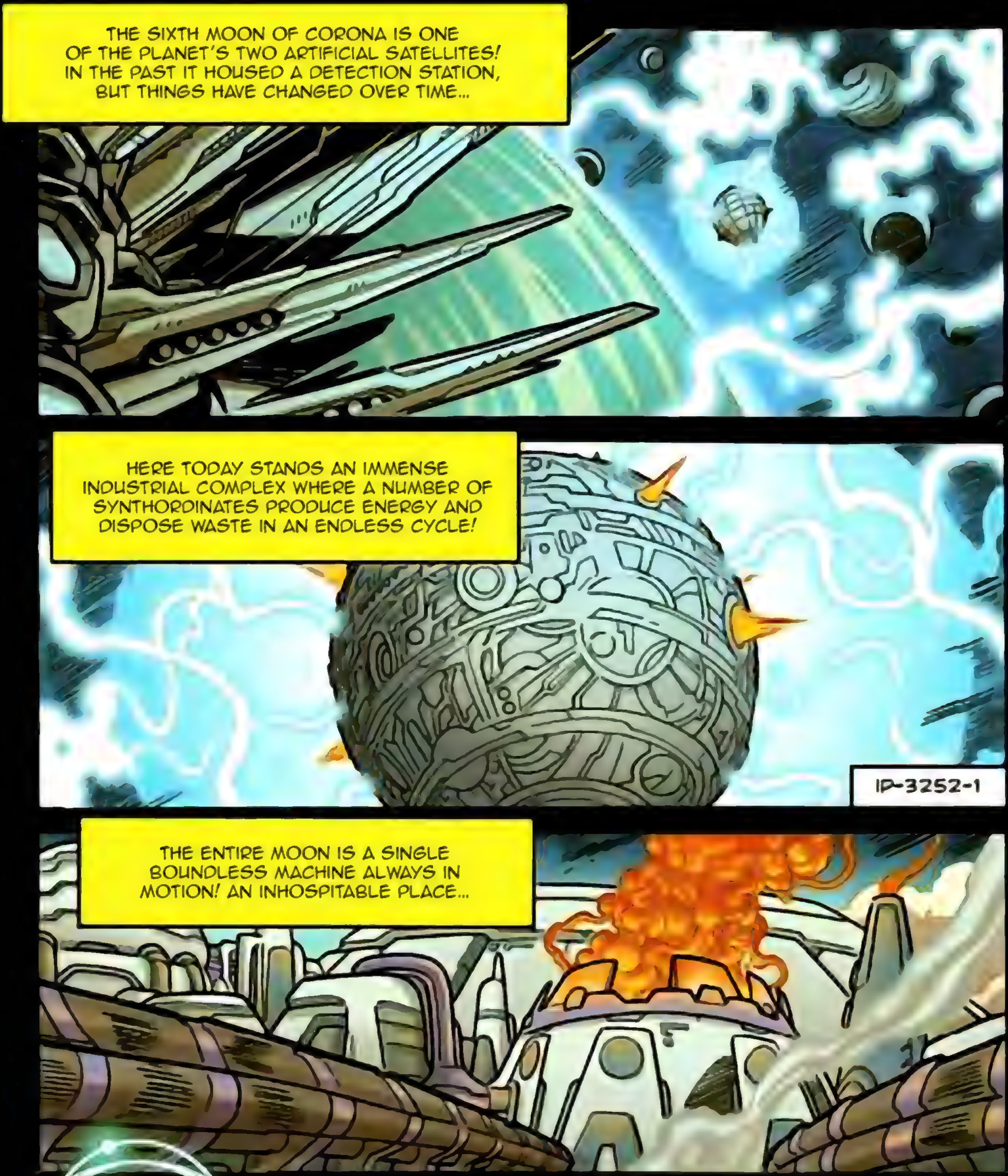

HER MAJESTY IS STILL IN CONFERENCE!
NOT TO ME! STEP ASIDE!


MAGISTER CORBA!
MY LADIES! I HAVE IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT YOUR FATHER...
SPEAK, WE ARE LISTENING!
WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE DUCK AVENGER, ONE AND THE RAIDER? WILL THEY MANAGE TO STOP ULTIMA AND FIND THEIR WAY BACK HOME? ANSWERS AND MORE QUESTIONS ARE COMING...
END OF PART TWO


THE SIXTH MOON OF CORONA IS ONE OF THE PLANET'S TWO ARTIFICIAL SATELLITES! IN THE PAST IT HOUSED A DETECTION STATION, BUT THINGS HAVE CHANGED OVER TIME...
HERE TODAY STANDS AN IMMENSE INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX WHERE A NUMBER OF SYNTHORDINATES PRODUCE ENERGY AND DISPOSE WASTE IN AN ENDLESS CYCLE!
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THE ENTIRE MOON IS A SINGLE BOUNDLESS MACHINE ALWAYS IN MOTION! AN INHOSPITABLE PLACE...

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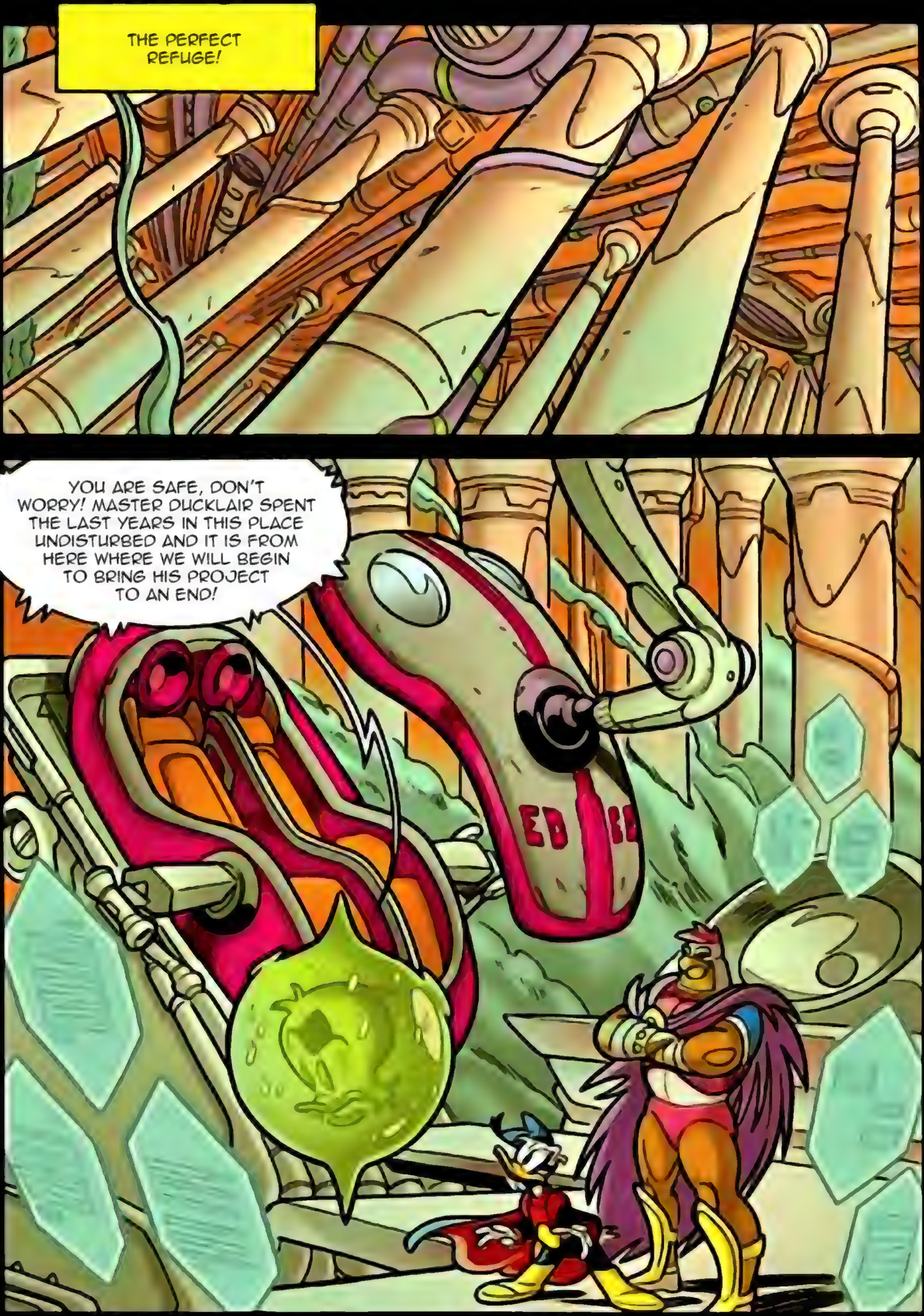
THE PERFECT REFUGE!
YOU ARE SAFE, DON'T WORRY! MASTER DUCKLAIR SPENT THE LAST YEARS IN THIS PLACE UNDISTURBED AND IT IS FROM HERE WHERE WE WILL BEGIN TO BRING HIS PROJECT TO AN END!
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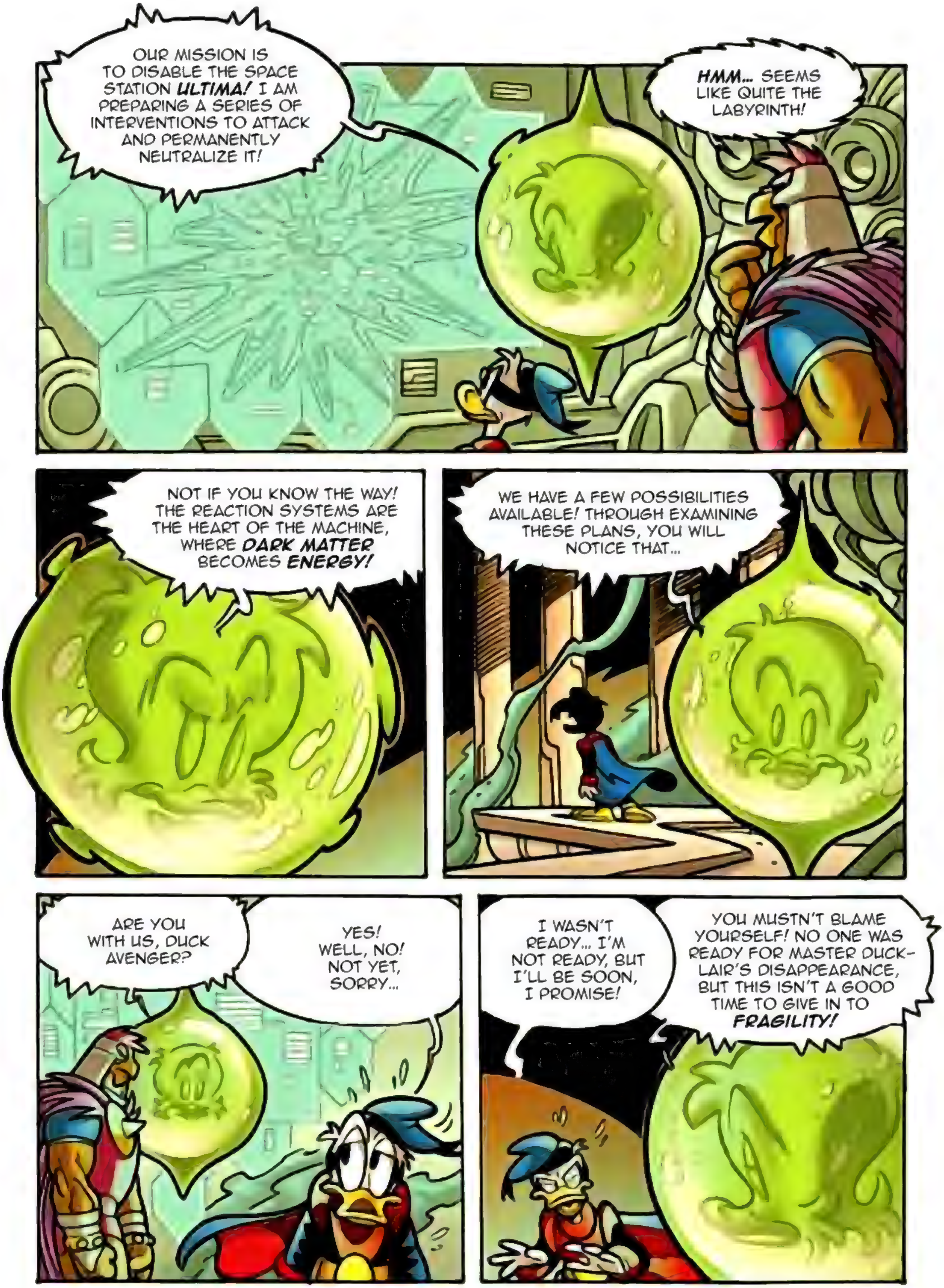
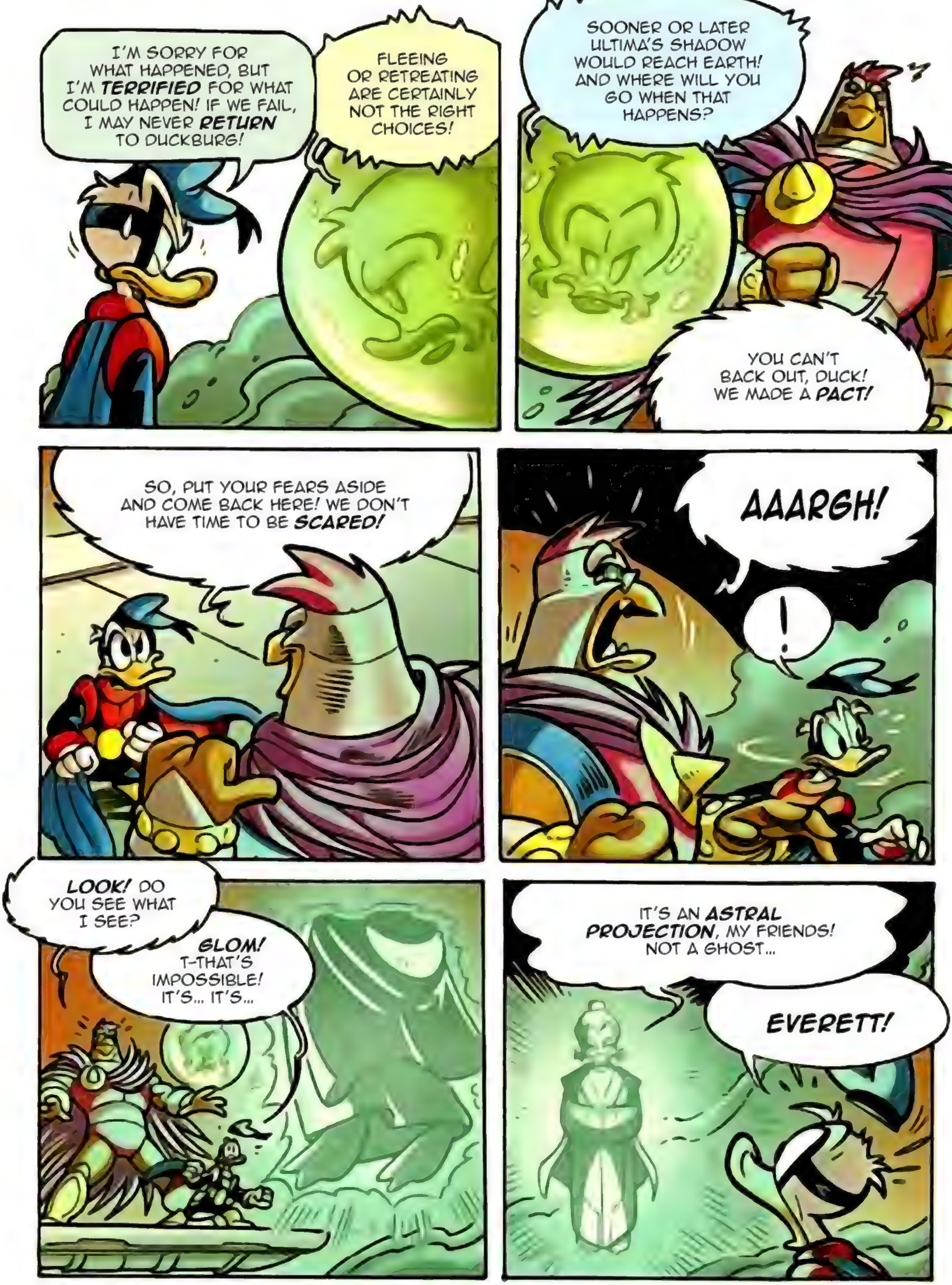
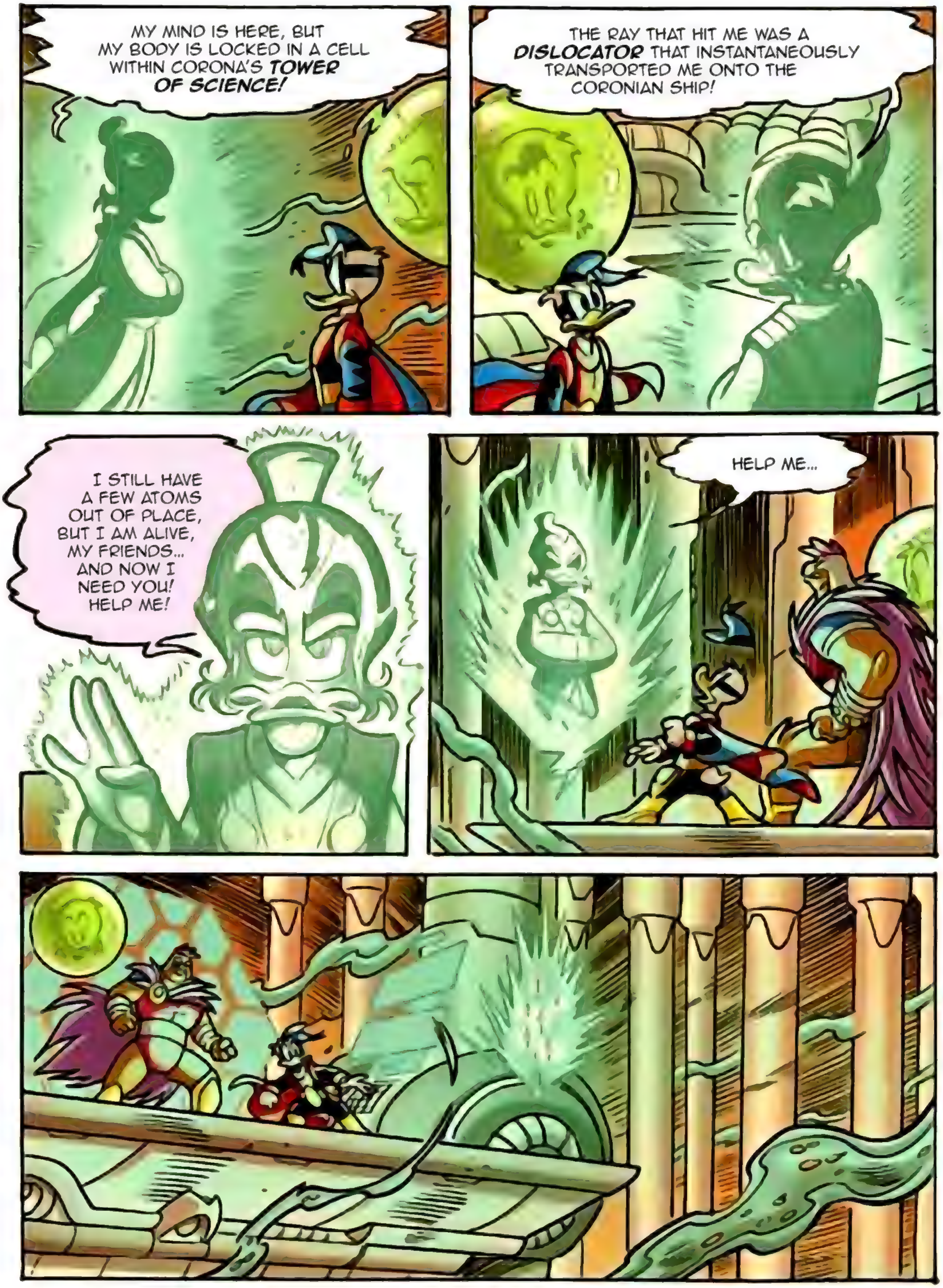
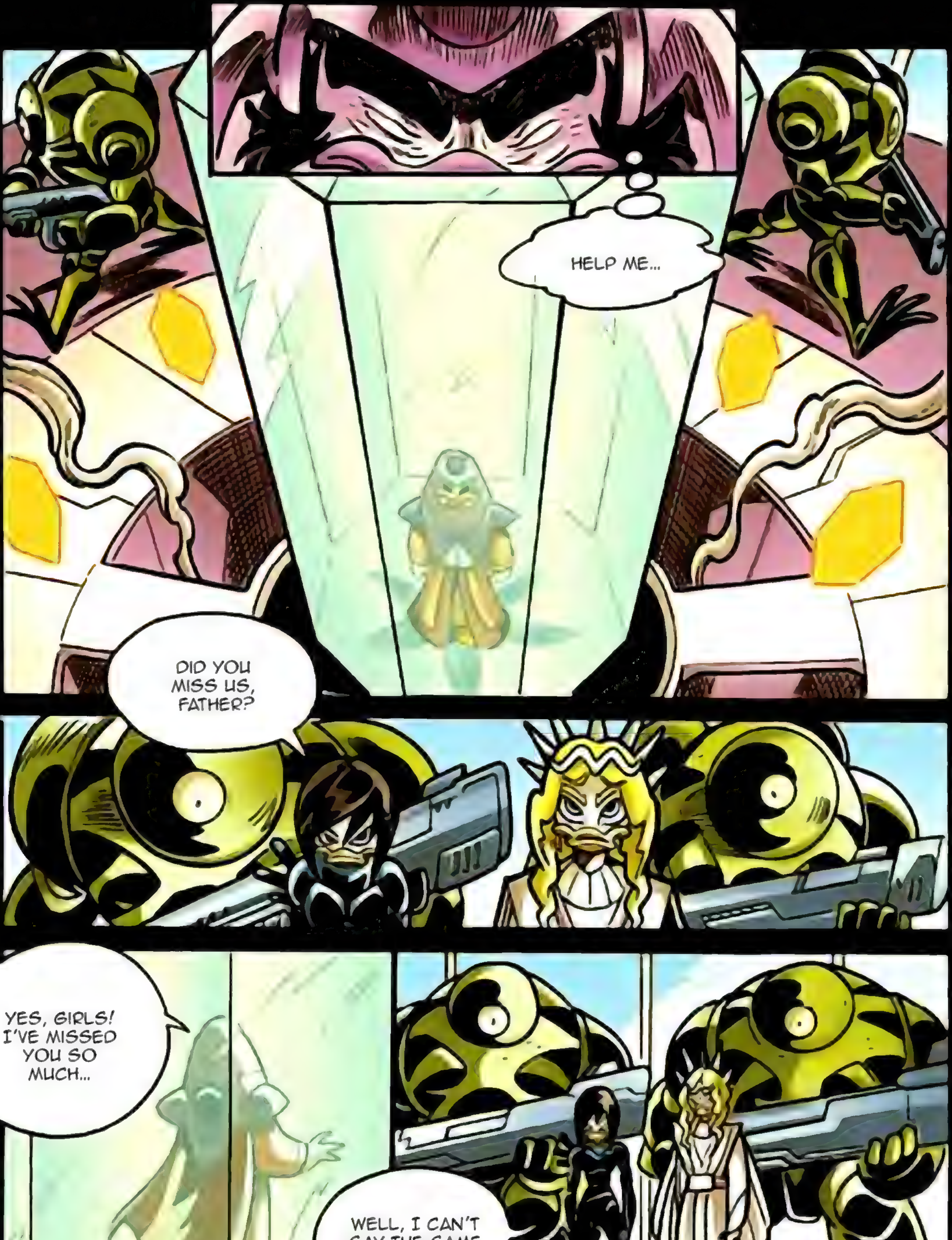
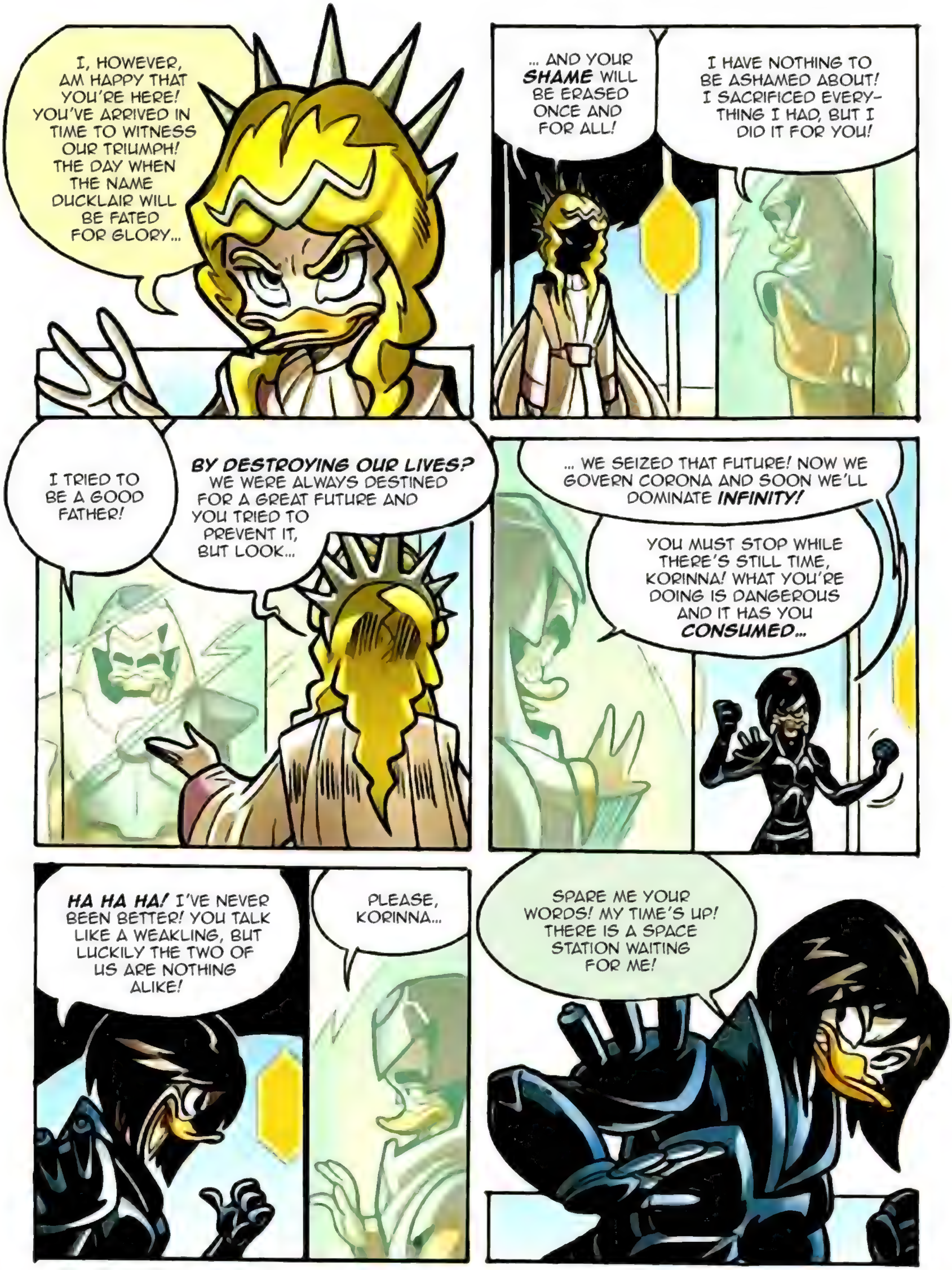
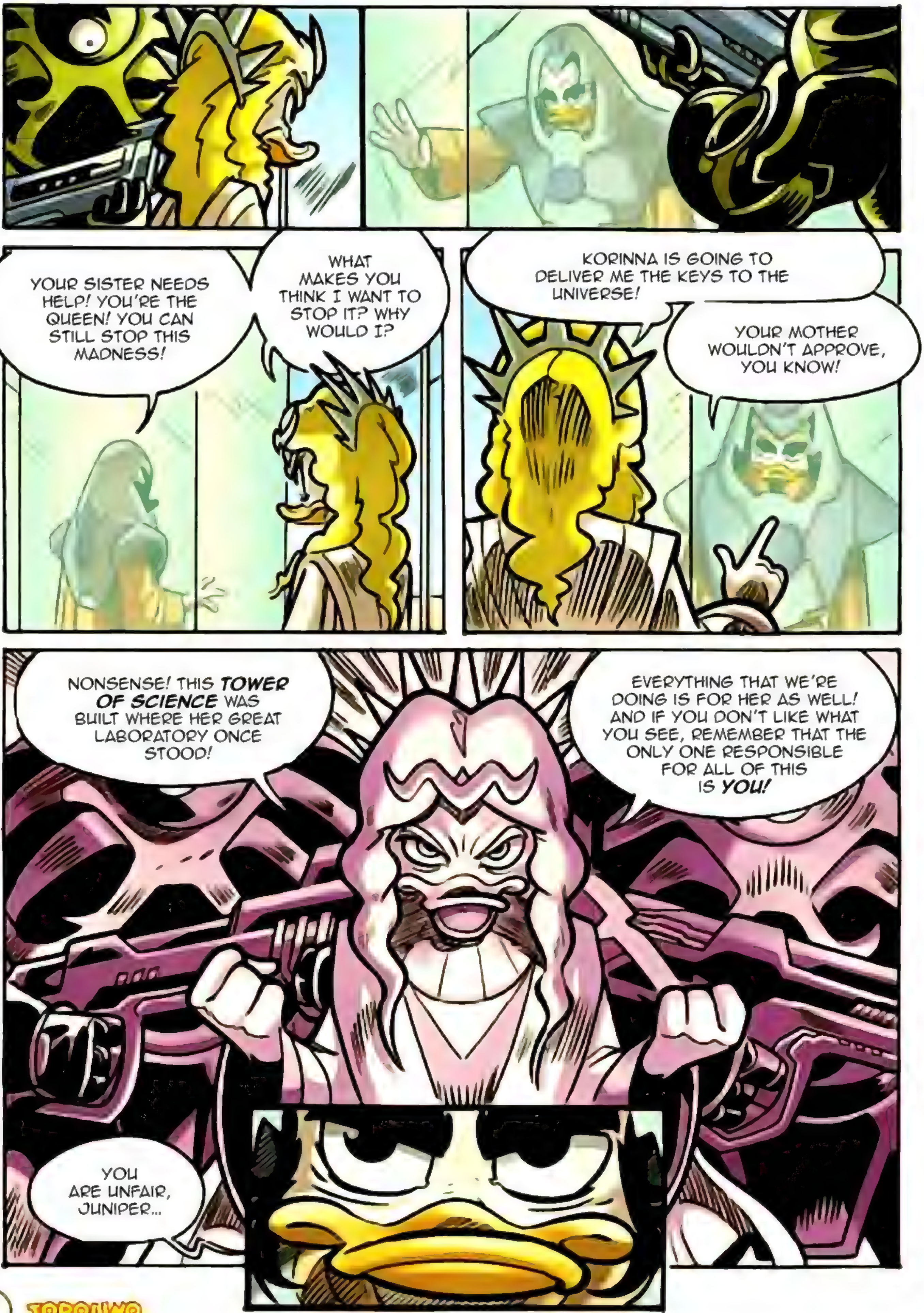

OUR MISSION IS TO DISABLE THE SPACE STATION **ULTIMA!** I AM PREPARING A SERIES OF INTERVENTIONS TO ATTACK AND PERMANENTLY NEUTRALIZE IT!
HMM... SEEMS LIKE QUITE THE LABYRINTH!
NOT IF YOU KNOW THE WAY! THE REACTION SYSTEMS ARE THE HEART OF THE MACHINE, WHERE **DARK MATTER** BECOMES **ENERGY!**
WE HAVE A FEW POSSIBILITIES AVAILABLE! THROUGH EXAMINING THESE PLANS, YOU WILL NOTICE THAT...
ARE YOU WITH US, DUCK AVENGER?
YES! WELL, NO! NOT YET, SORRY...
I WASN'T READY... I'M NOT READY, BUT I'LL BE SOON, I PROMISE!
YOU MUSTN'T BLAME YOURSELF! NO ONE WAS READY FOR MASTER DUCKLAIR'S DISAPPEARANCE, BUT THIS ISN'T A GOOD TIME TO GIVE IN TO **FRAGILITY!**

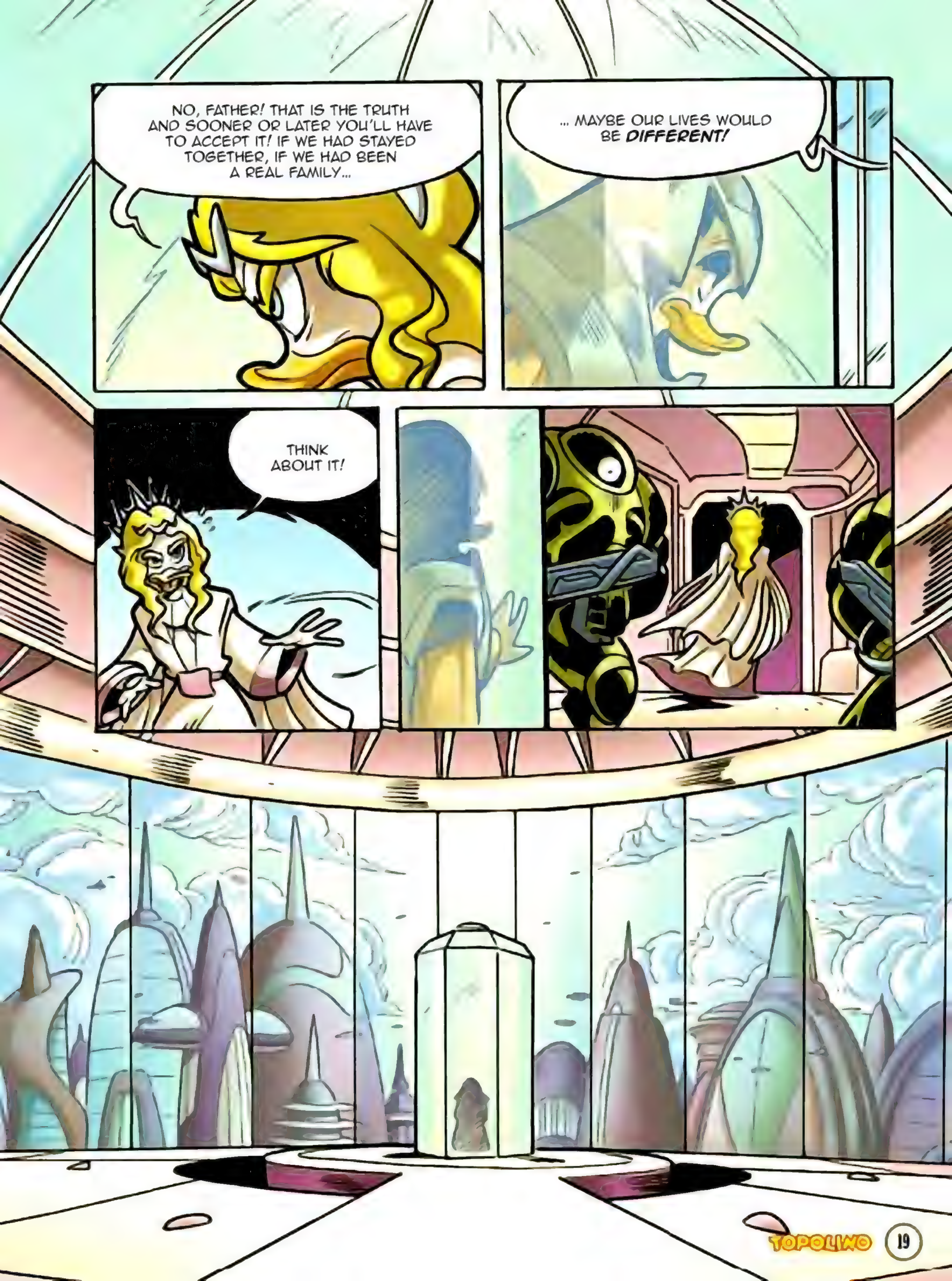

I'M SORRY FOR WHAT HAPPENED, BUT I'M **TERRIFIED** FOR WHAT COULD HAPPEN! IF WE FAIL, I MAY NEVER **RETURN** TO DUCKBURG!
FLEEING OR RETREATING ARE CERTAINLY NOT THE RIGHT CHOICES!
SOONER OR LATER ULTIMA'S SHADOW WOULD REACH EARTH! AND WHERE WILL YOU GO WHEN THAT HAPPENS?
YOU CAN'T BACK OUT, DUCK! WE MADE A **PACT!**
SO, PUT YOUR FEARS ASIDE AND COME BACK HERE! WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO BE **SCARED!**
AAARGH!
!
LOOK! DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?
GLOM! T-THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! IT'S... IT'S...
IT'S AN **ASTRAL PROJECTION**, MY FRIENDS! NOT A GHOST...
EVERETT!

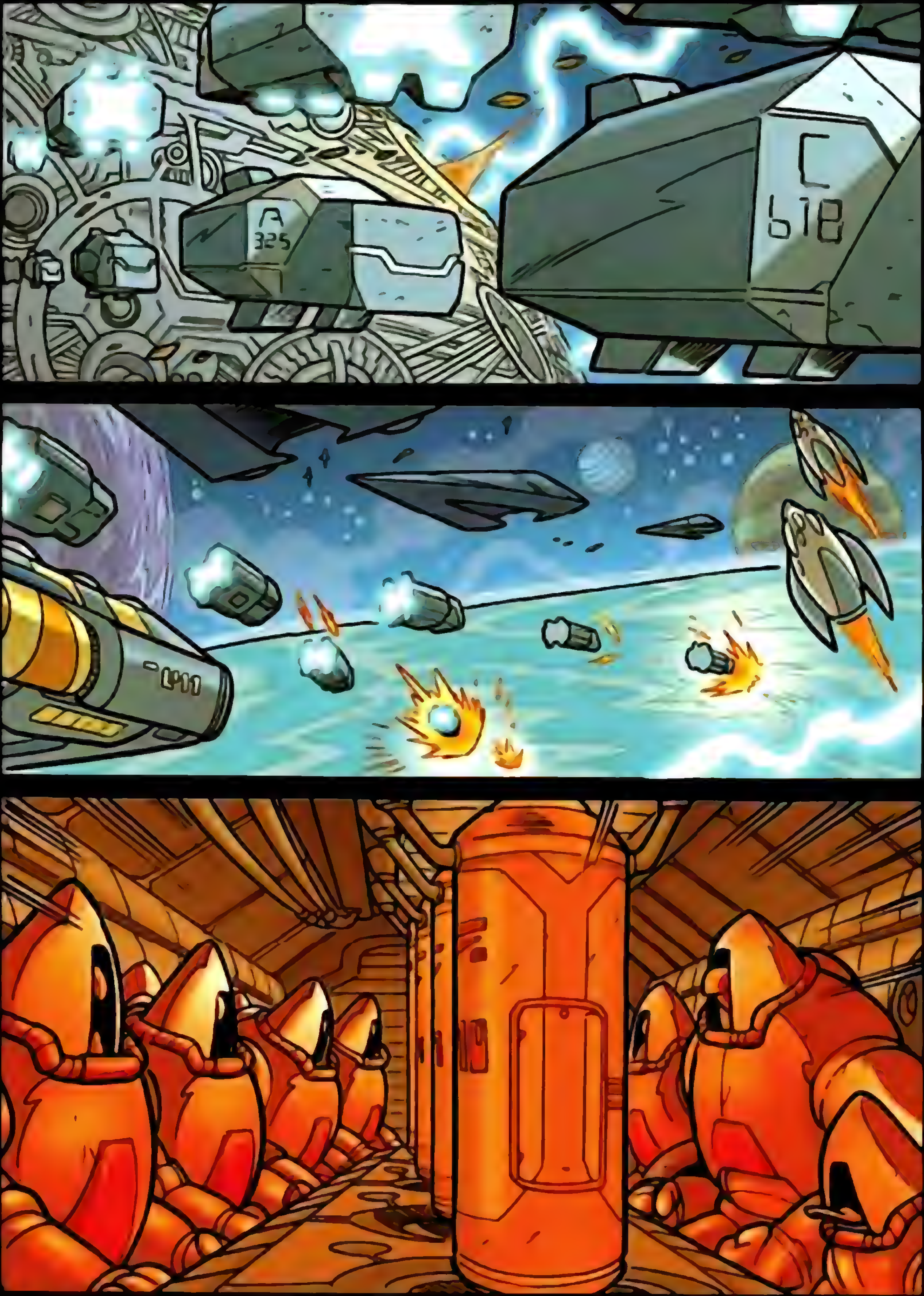

MY MIND IS HERE, BUT MY BODY IS LOCKED IN A CELL WITHIN CORONA'S **TOWER OF SCIENCE!**
THE RAY THAT HIT ME WAS A **DISLOCATOR** THAT INSTANTANEOUSLY TRANSPORTED ME ONTO THE CORONIAN SHIP!
I STILL HAVE A FEW ATOMS OUT OF PLACE, BUT I AM ALIVE, MY FRIENDS... AND NOW I NEED YOU! HELP ME!
HELP ME...


HELP ME...
DID YOU MISS US, FATHER?
YES, GIRLS! I'VE MISSED YOU SO MUCH...
WELL, I CAN'T SAY THE SAME ABOUT YOU!


I, HOWEVER, AM HAPPY THAT YOU'RE HERE! YOU'VE ARRIVED IN TIME TO WITNESS OUR TRIUMPH! THE DAY WHEN THE NAME DUCKLAIR WILL BE FATED FOR GLORY...
... AND YOUR **SHAME** WILL BE ERASED ONCE AND FOR ALL!
I HAVE NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED ABOUT! I SACRIFICED EVERYTHING I HAD, BUT I DID IT FOR YOU!
I TRIED TO BE A GOOD FATHER!
BY DESTROYING OUR LIVES? WE WERE ALWAYS DESTINED FOR A GREAT FUTURE AND YOU TRIED TO PREVENT IT, BUT LOOK...
... WE SEIZED THAT FUTURE! NOW WE GOVERN CORONA AND SOON WE'LL DOMINATE ***INFINITY!***
YOU MUST STOP WHILE THERE'S STILL TIME, KORINNA! WHAT YOU'RE DOING IS DANGEROUS AND IT HAS YOU ***CONSUMED...***
HA HA HA! I'VE NEVER BEEN BETTER! YOU TALK LIKE A WEAKLING, BUT LUCKILY THE TWO OF US ARE NOTHING ALIKE!
PLEASE, KORINNA...
SPARE ME YOUR WORDS! MY TIME'S UP! THERE IS A SPACE STATION WAITING FOR ME!


YOUR SISTER NEEDS HELP! YOU'RE THE QUEEN! YOU CAN STILL STOP THIS MADNESS!
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I WANT TO STOP IT? WHY WOULD I?
KORINNA IS GOING TO DELIVER ME THE KEYS TO THE UNIVERSE!
YOUR MOTHER WOULDN'T APPROVE, YOU KNOW!
NONSENSE! THIS **TOWER OF SCIENCE** WAS BUILT WHERE HER GREAT LABORATORY ONCE STOOD!
EVERYTHING THAT WE'RE DOING IS FOR HER AS WELL! AND IF YOU DON'T LIKE WHAT YOU SEE, REMEMBER THAT THE ONLY ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OF THIS IS ***YOU!***
YOU ARE UNFAIR, JUNIPER...


NO, FATHER! THAT IS THE TRUTH AND SOONER OR LATER YOU'LL HAVE TO ACCEPT IT! IF WE HAD STAYED TOGETHER, IF WE HAD BEEN A REAL FAMILY...
... MAYBE OUR LIVES WOULD BE *DIFFERENT!*
THINK ABOUT IT!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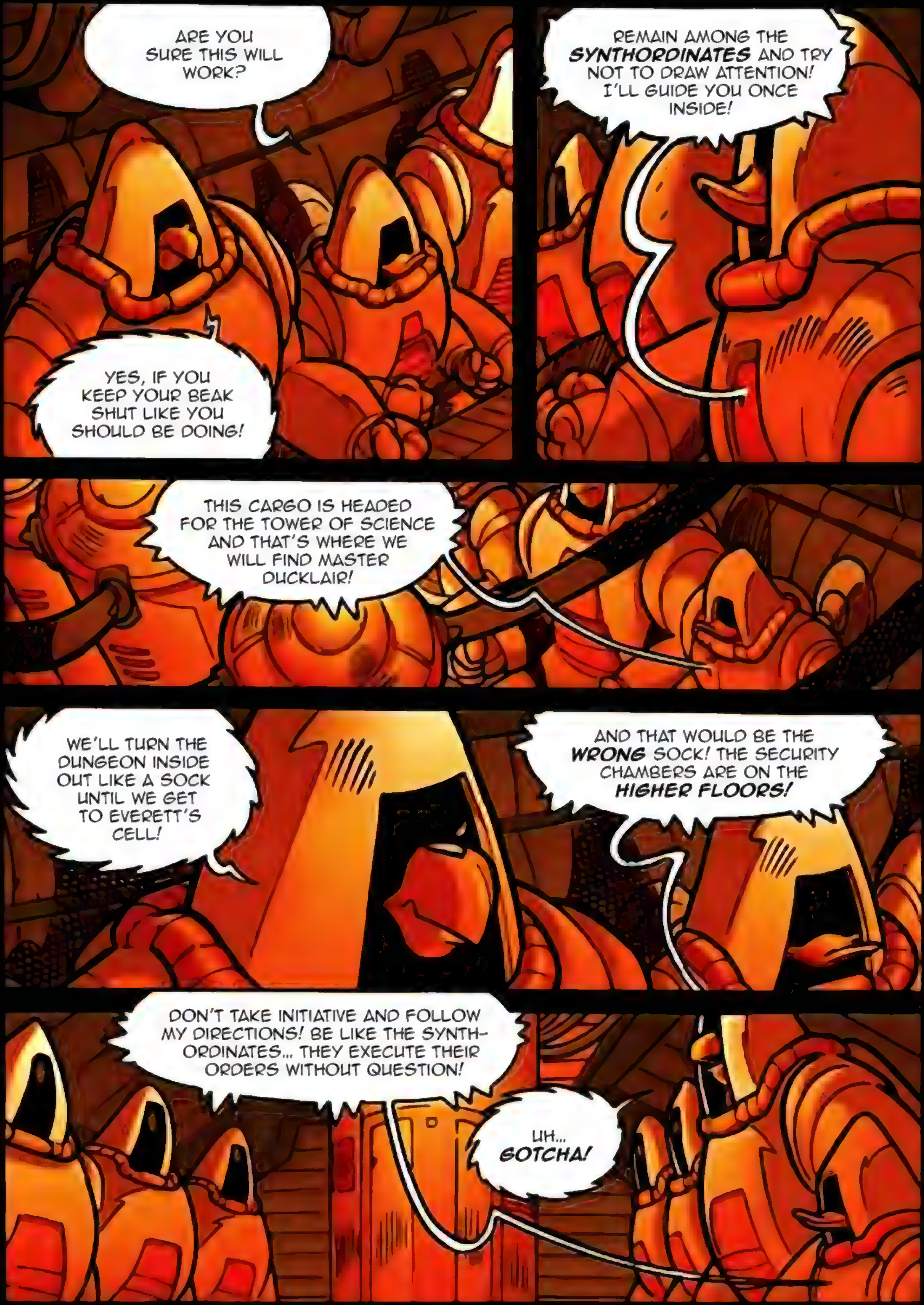
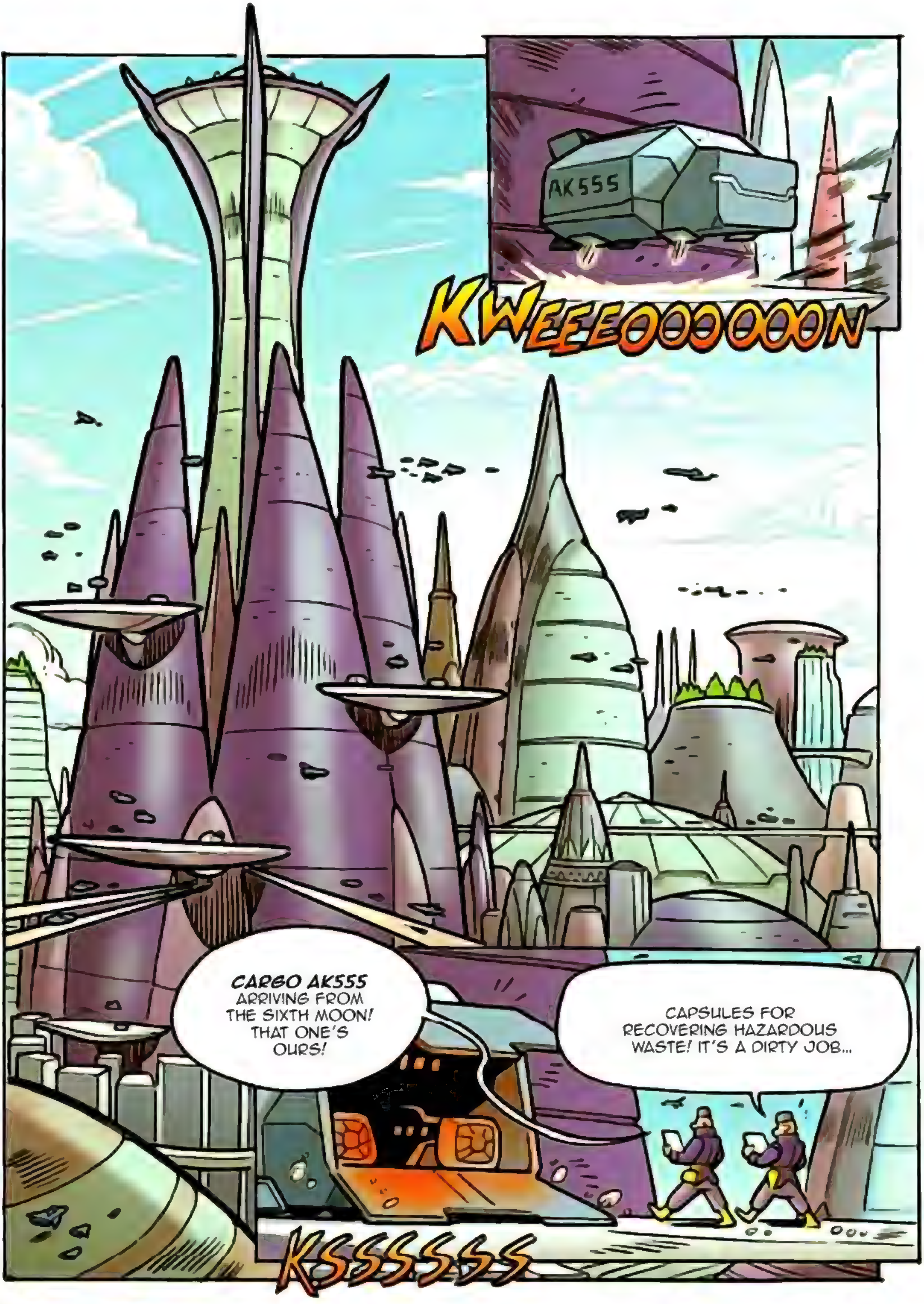
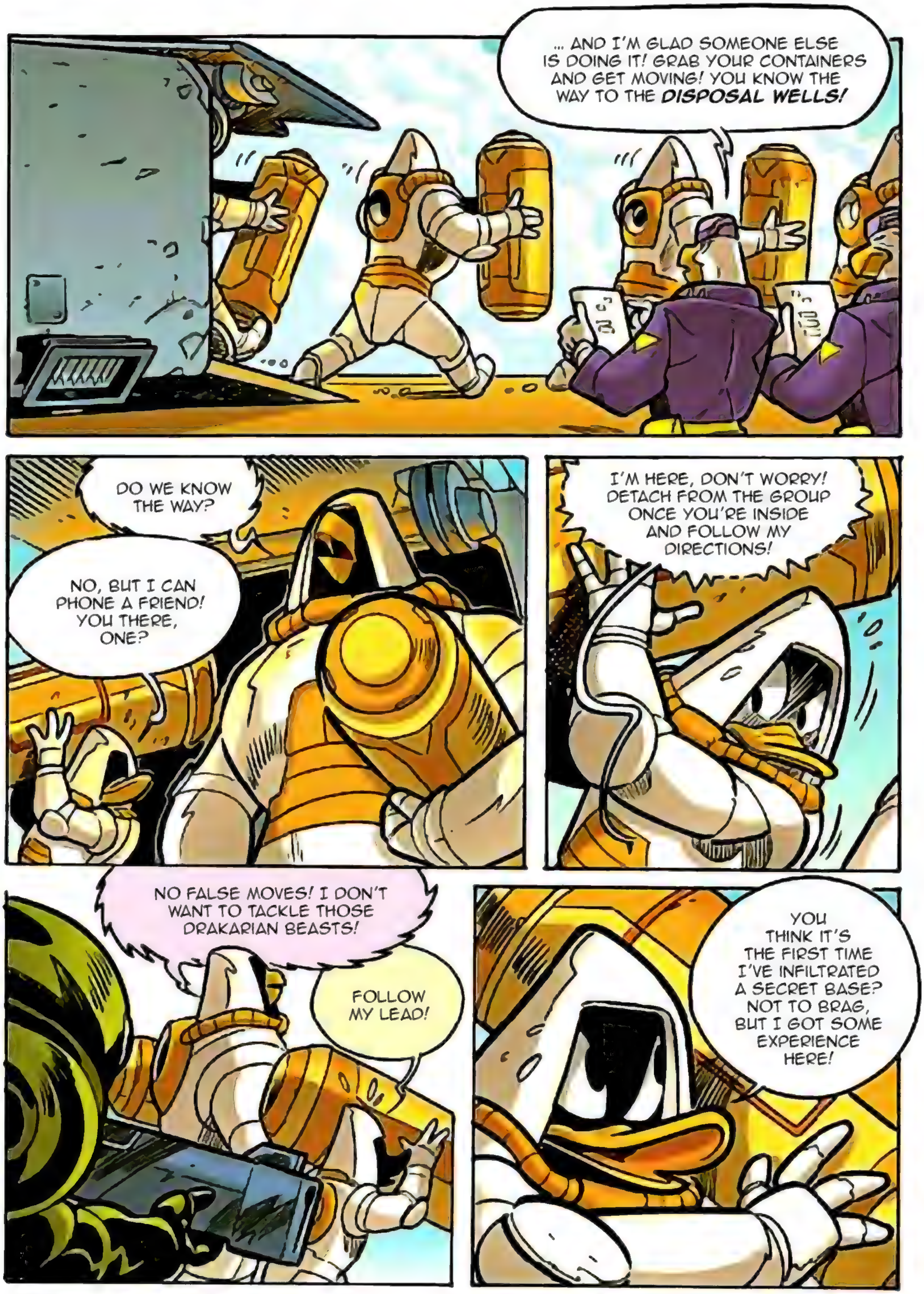
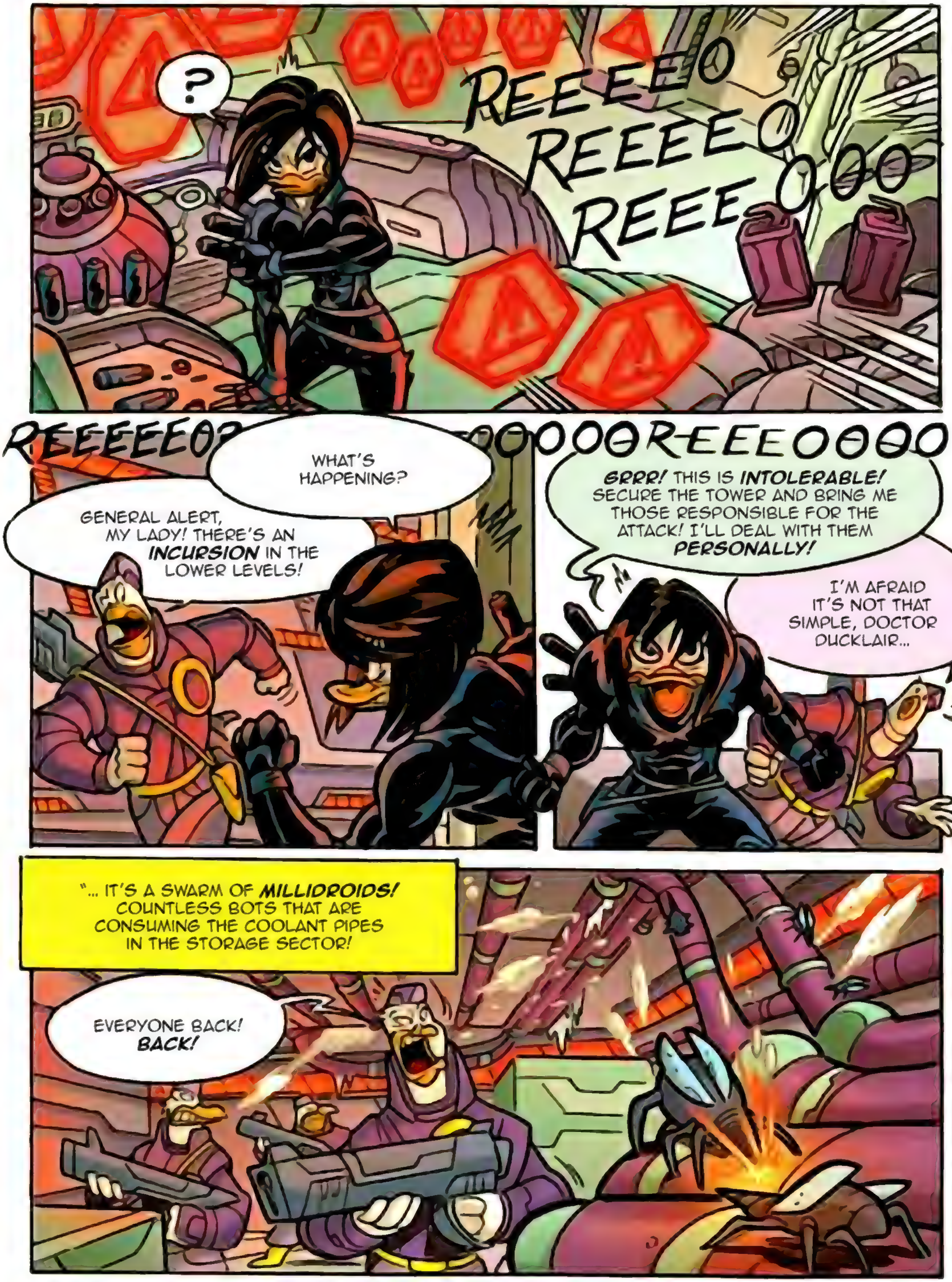

ARE YOU SURE THIS WILL WORK?
YES, IF YOU KEEP YOUR BEAK SHUT LIKE YOU SHOULD BE DOING!
REMAIN AMONG THE **SYNTHORDINATES** AND TRY NOT TO DRAW ATTENTION! I'LL GUIDE YOU ONCE INSIDE!
THIS CARGO IS HEADED FOR THE TOWER OF SCIENCE AND THAT'S WHERE WE WILL FIND MASTER DUCKLAIR!
WE'LL TURN THE DUNGEON INSIDE OUT LIKE A SOCK UNTIL WE GET TO EVERETT'S CELL!
AND THAT WOULD BE THE **WRONG** SOCK! THE SECURITY CHAMBERS ARE ON THE **HIGHER FLOORS!**
DON'T TAKE INITIATIVE AND FOLLOW MY DIRECTIONS! BE LIKE THE SYNTHORDINATES... THEY EXECUTE THEIR ORDERS WITHOUT QUESTION!
UH... **GOTCHA!**


AK555
KWEEEOOOOOON
CARGO AK555 ARRIVING FROM THE SIXTH MOON! THAT ONE'S OURS!
CAPSULES FOR RECOVERING HAZARDOUS WASTE! IT'S A DIRTY JOB...
KSSSSSS


... AND I'M GLAD SOMEONE ELSE IS DOING IT! GRAB YOUR CONTAINERS AND GET MOVING! YOU KNOW THE WAY TO THE **DISPOSAL WELLS!**
DO WE KNOW THE WAY?
NO, BUT I CAN PHONE A FRIEND! YOU THERE, ONE?
I'M HERE, DON'T WORRY! DETACH FROM THE GROUP ONCE YOU'RE INSIDE AND FOLLOW MY DIRECTIONS!
NO FALSE MOVES! I DON'T WANT TO TACKLE THOSE DRAKARIAN BEASTS!
FOLLOW MY LEAD!
YOU THINK IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE INFILTRATED A SECRET BASE? NOT TO BRAG, BUT I GOT SOME EXPERIENCE HERE!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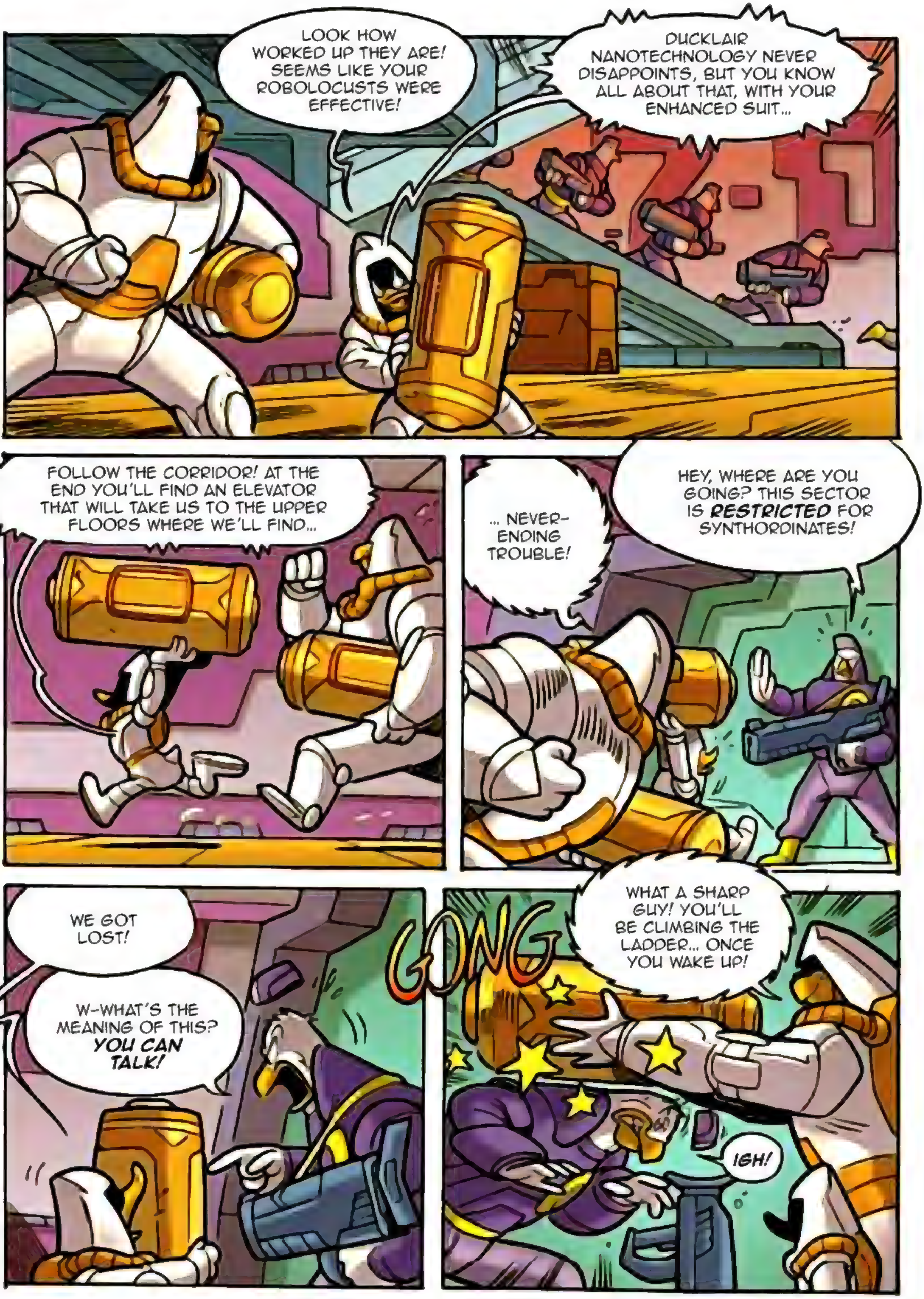
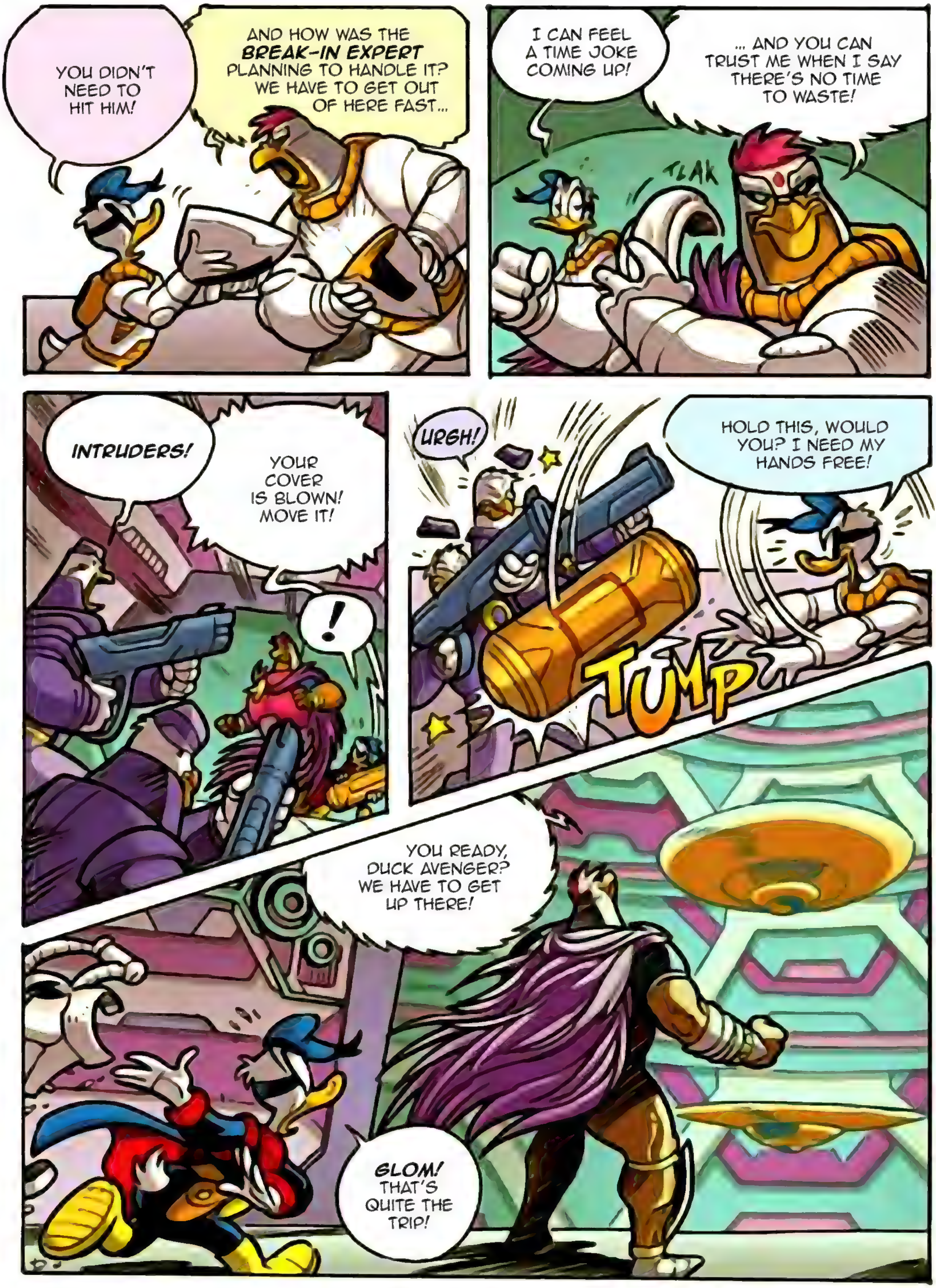
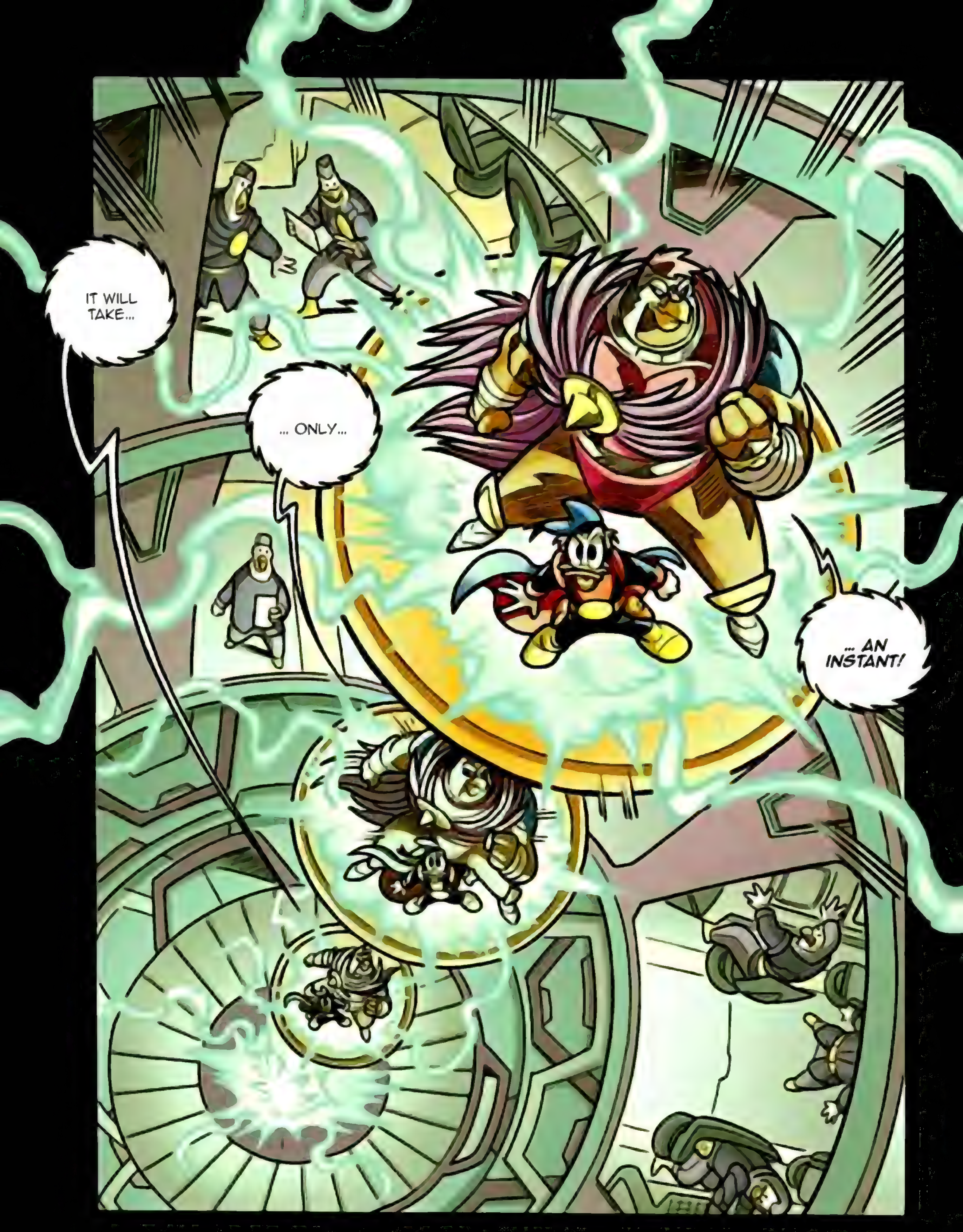
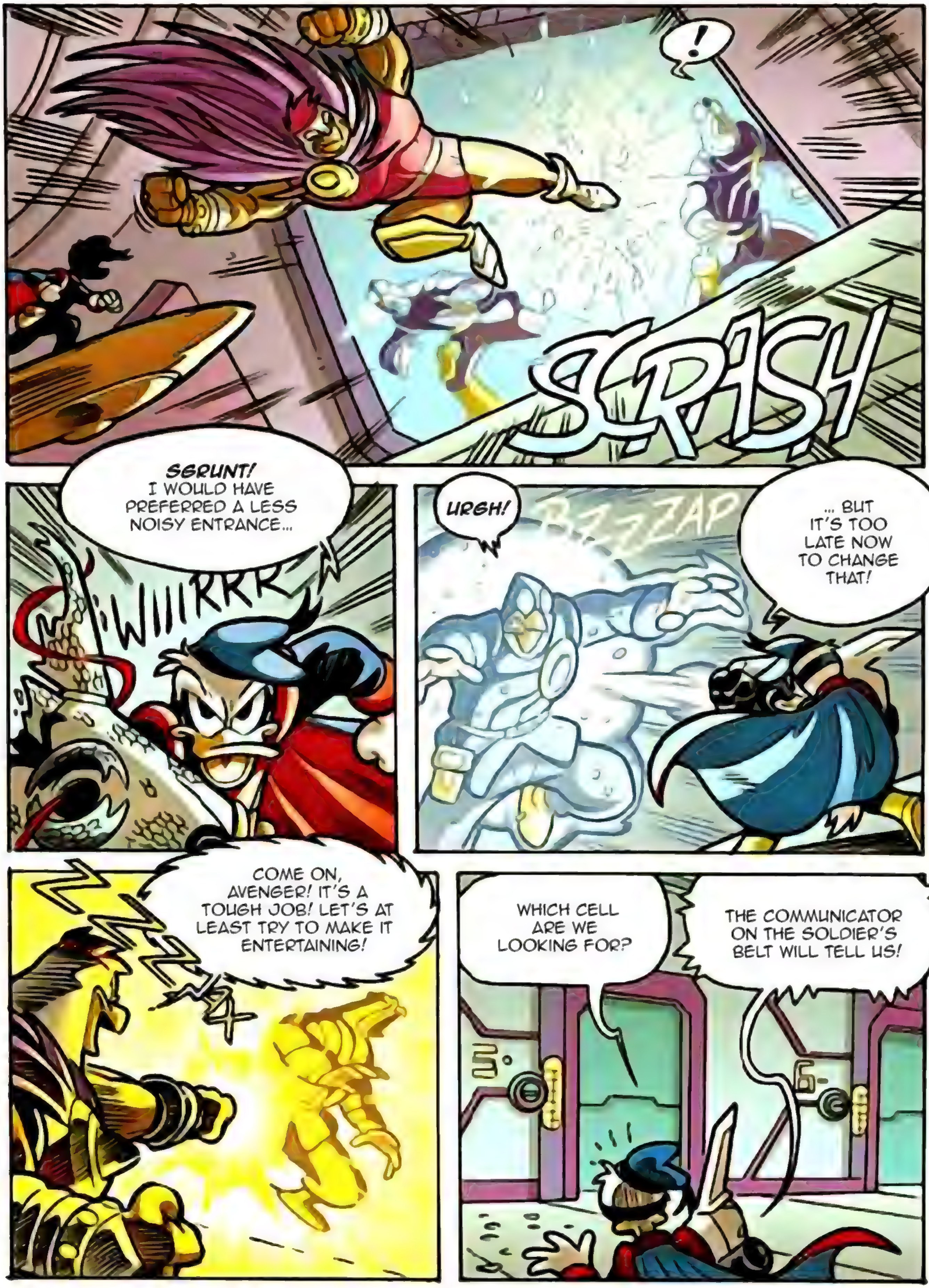
REEEEO REEEEO REEE OOO
REEEEEO OOOOOO REEE OOOO
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
GENERAL ALERT, MY LADY! THERE'S AN *INCURSION* IN THE LOWER LEVELS!
GRRR! THIS IS *INTOLERABLE!* SECURE THE TOWER AND BRING ME THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACK! I'LL DEAL WITH THEM *PERSONALLY!*
I'M AFRAID IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE, DOCTOR DUCKLAIR...
"... IT'S A SWARM OF *MILLIDROIDS!* COUNTLESS BOTS THAT ARE CONSUMING THE COOLANT PIPES IN THE STORAGE SECTOR!
EVERYONE BACK! *BACK!*


LOOK HOW WORKED UP THEY ARE! SEEMS LIKE YOUR ROBOLOCUSTS WERE EFFECTIVE!
DUCKLAIR NANOTECHNOLOGY NEVER DISAPPOINTS, BUT YOU KNOW ALL ABOUT THAT, WITH YOUR ENHANCED SUIT...
FOLLOW THE CORRIDOR! AT THE END YOU'LL FIND AN ELEVATOR THAT WILL TAKE US TO THE UPPER FLOORS WHERE WE'LL FIND...
... NEVER-ENDING TROUBLE!
HEY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING? THIS SECTOR IS ***RESTRICTED*** FOR SYNTHORDINATES!
WE GOT LOST!
W-WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS? ***YOU CAN TALK!***
GONG
WHAT A SHARP GUY! YOU'LL BE CLIMBING THE LADDER... ONCE YOU WAKE UP!
IGH!


YOU DIDN'T NEED TO HIT HIM!
AND HOW WAS THE **BREAK-IN EXPERT** PLANNING TO HANDLE IT? WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE FAST...
I CAN FEEL A TIME JOKE COMING UP!
... AND YOU CAN TRUST ME WHEN I SAY THERE'S NO TIME TO WASTE!
TLAK
INTRUDERS!
YOUR COVER IS BLOWN! MOVE IT!
!
URGH!
HOLD THIS, WOULD YOU? I NEED MY HANDS FREE!
TUMP
YOU READY, DUCK AVENGER? WE HAVE TO GET UP THERE!
GLOM! THAT'S QUITE THE TRIP!


IT WILL TAKE...
... ONLY...
... AN INSTANT!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SCRASH
SGRUNT! I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED A LESS NOISY ENTRANCE...
WIIIRRRR
URGH!
BZZZAP
... BUT IT'S TOO LATE NOW TO CHANGE THAT!
COME ON, AVENGER! IT'S A TOUGH JOB! LET'S AT LEAST TRY TO MAKE IT ENTERTAINING!
WHICH CELL ARE WE LOOKING FOR?
THE COMMUNICATOR ON THE SOLDIER'S BELT WILL TELL US!
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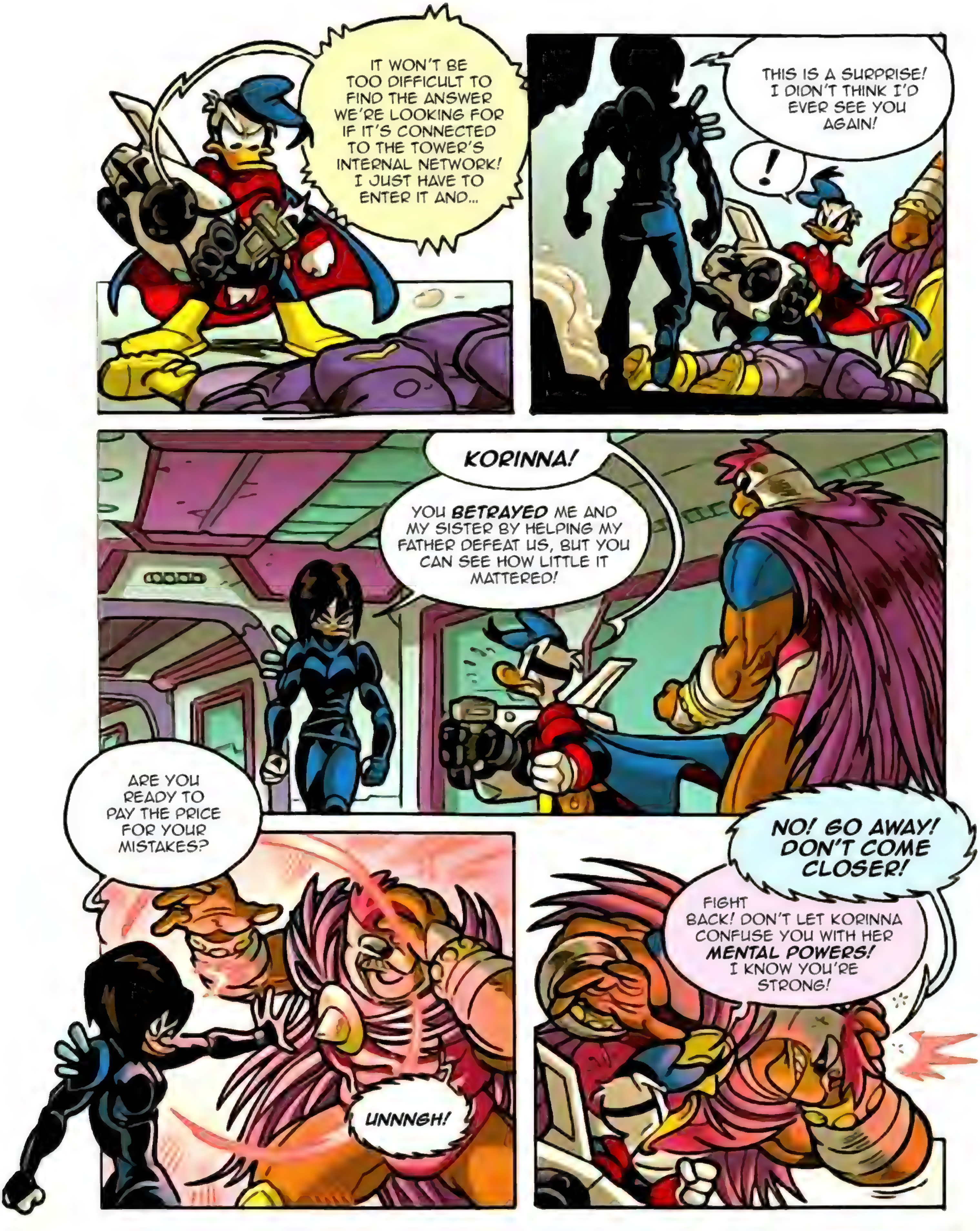
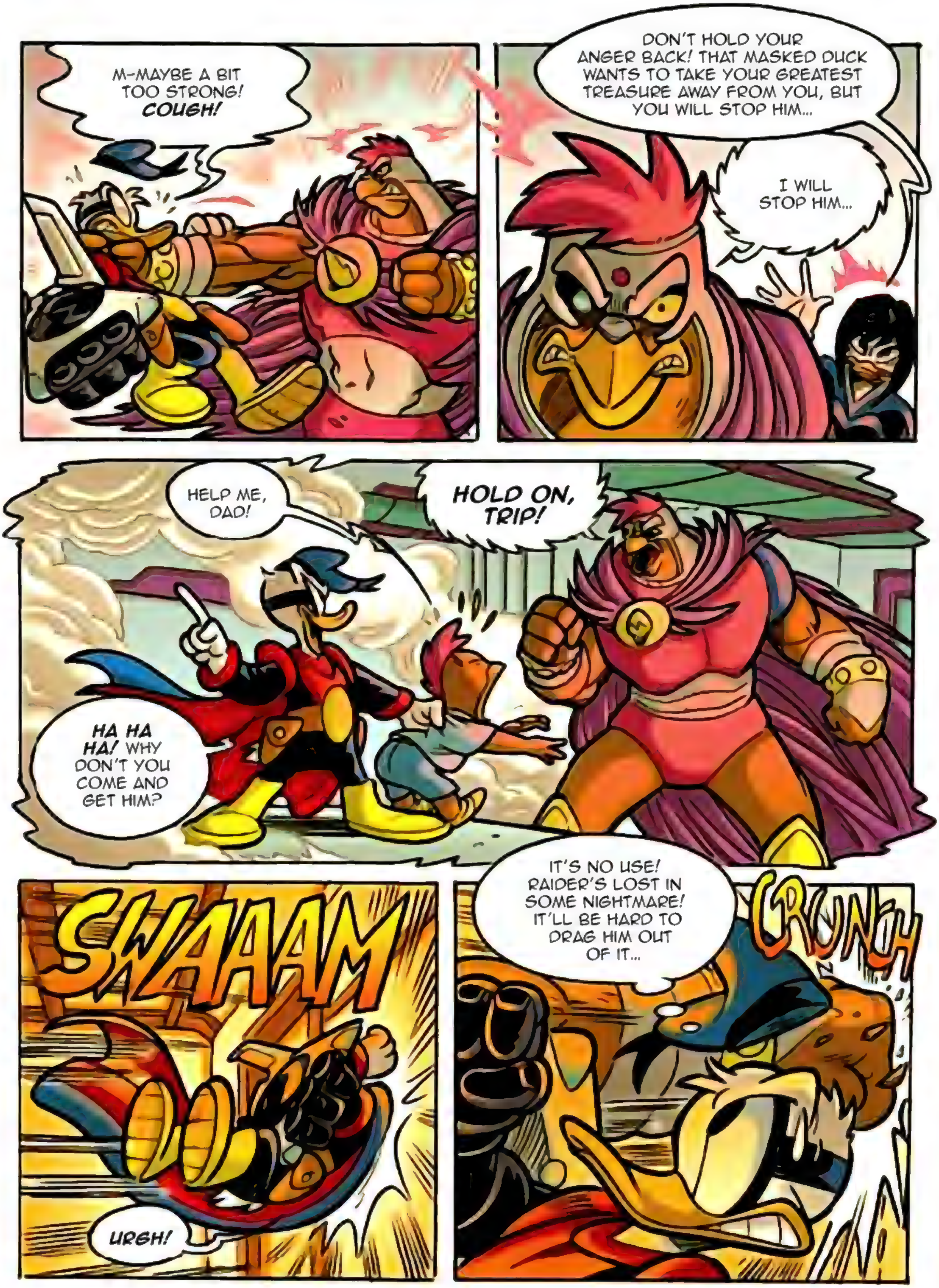
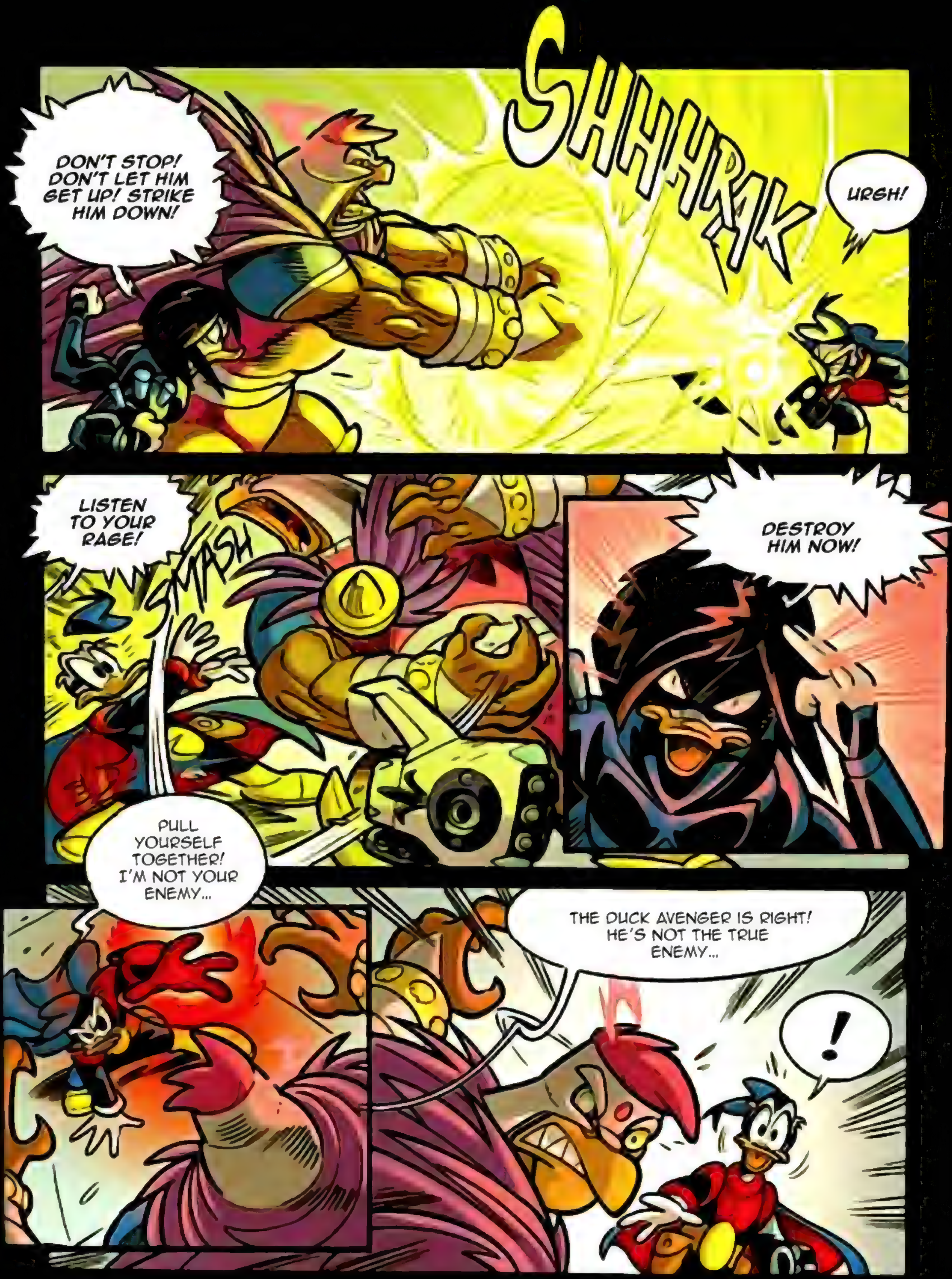

IT WON'T BE TOO DIFFICULT TO FIND THE ANSWER WE'RE LOOKING FOR IF IT'S CONNECTED TO THE TOWER'S INTERNAL NETWORK! I JUST HAVE TO ENTER IT AND...
THIS IS A SURPRISE! I DIDN'T THINK I'D EVER SEE YOU AGAIN!
!
KORINNA!
YOU **BETRAYED** ME AND MY SISTER BY HELPING MY FATHER DEFEAT US, BUT YOU CAN SEE HOW LITTLE IT MATTERED!
ARE YOU READY TO PAY THE PRICE FOR YOUR MISTAKES?
UNNNGH!
NO! GO AWAY! DON'T COME CLOSER!
FIGHT BACK! DON'T LET KORINNA CONFUSE YOU WITH HER **MENTAL POWERS!** I KNOW YOU'RE STRONG!


M-MAYBE A BIT TOO STRONG! **COUGH!**
DON'T HOLD YOUR ANGER BACK! THAT MASKED DUCK WANTS TO TAKE YOUR GREATEST TREASURE AWAY FROM YOU, BUT YOU WILL STOP HIM...
I WILL STOP HIM...
HELP ME, DAD!
HOLD ON, TRIP!
HA HA HA! WHY DON'T YOU COME AND GET HIM?
SWAAAM
URGH!
IT'S NO USE! RAIDER'S LOST IN SOME NIGHTMARE! IT'LL BE HARD TO DRAG HIM OUT OF IT...
CRUNCH


SHHHRAK
DON'T STOP! DON'T LET HIM GET UP! STRIKE HIM DOWN!
URGH!
LISTEN TO YOUR RAGE!
SMASH
DESTROY HIM NOW!
PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER! I'M NOT YOUR ENEMY...
THE DUCK AVENGER IS RIGHT! HE'S NOT THE TRUE ENEMY...
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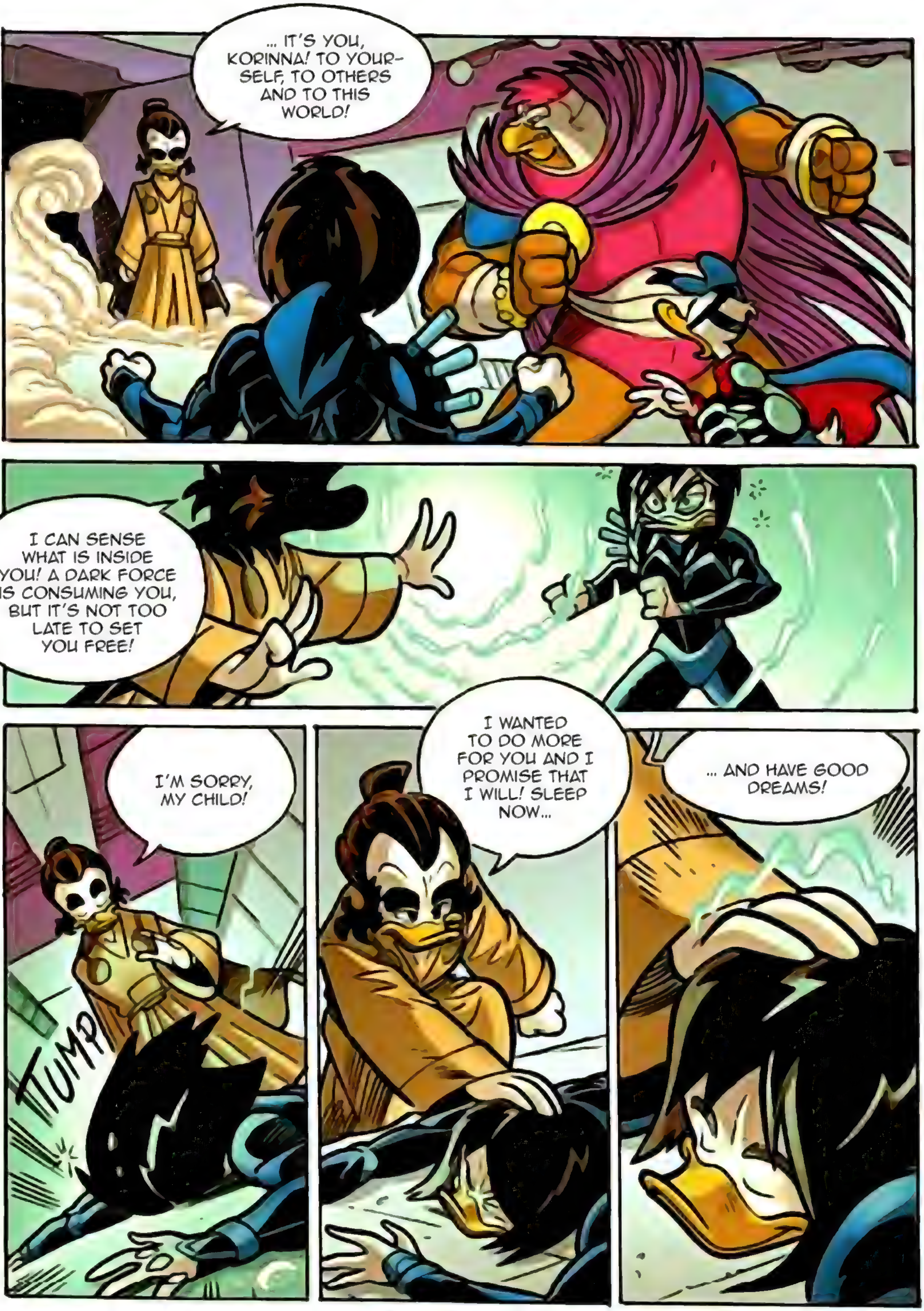
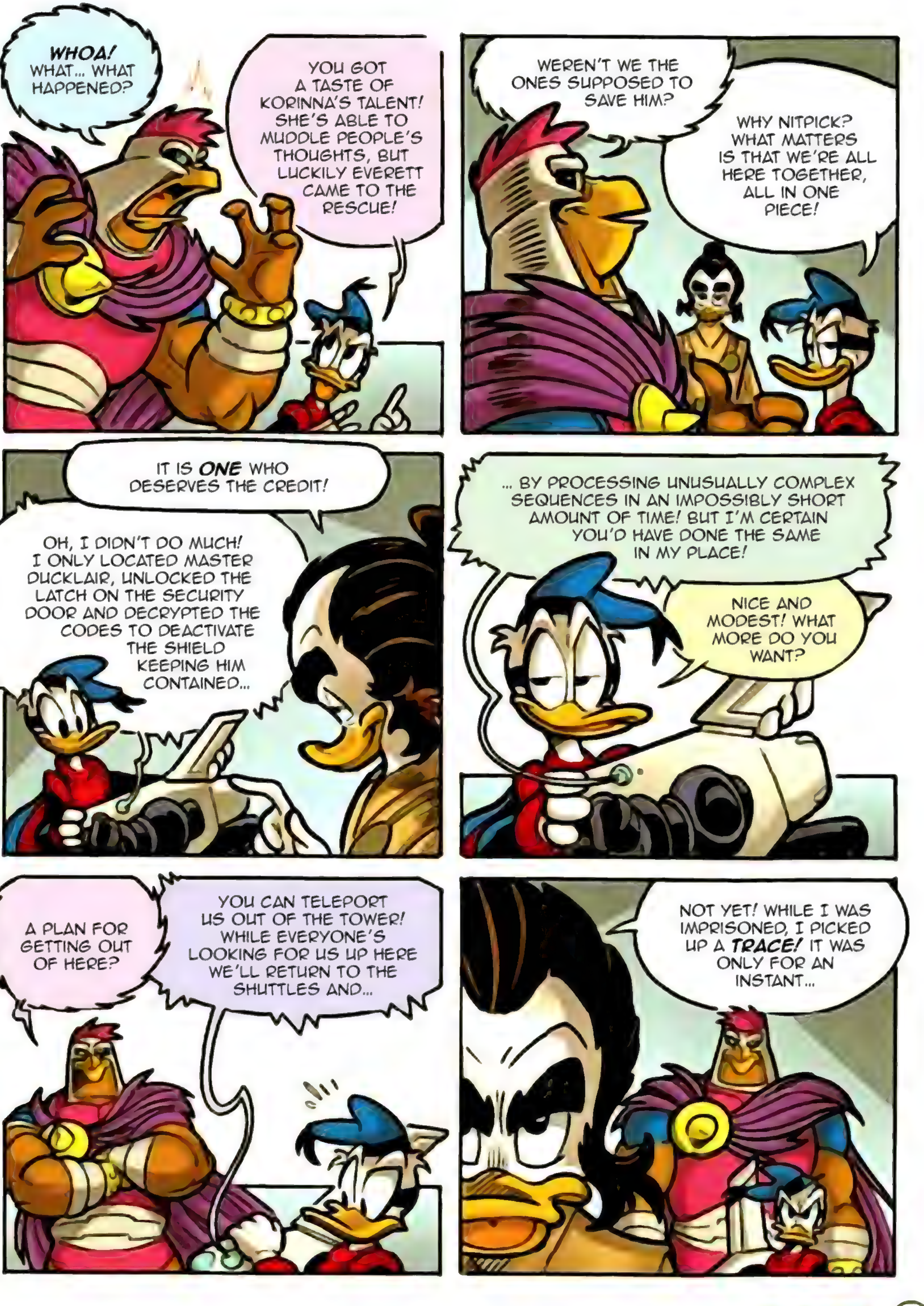
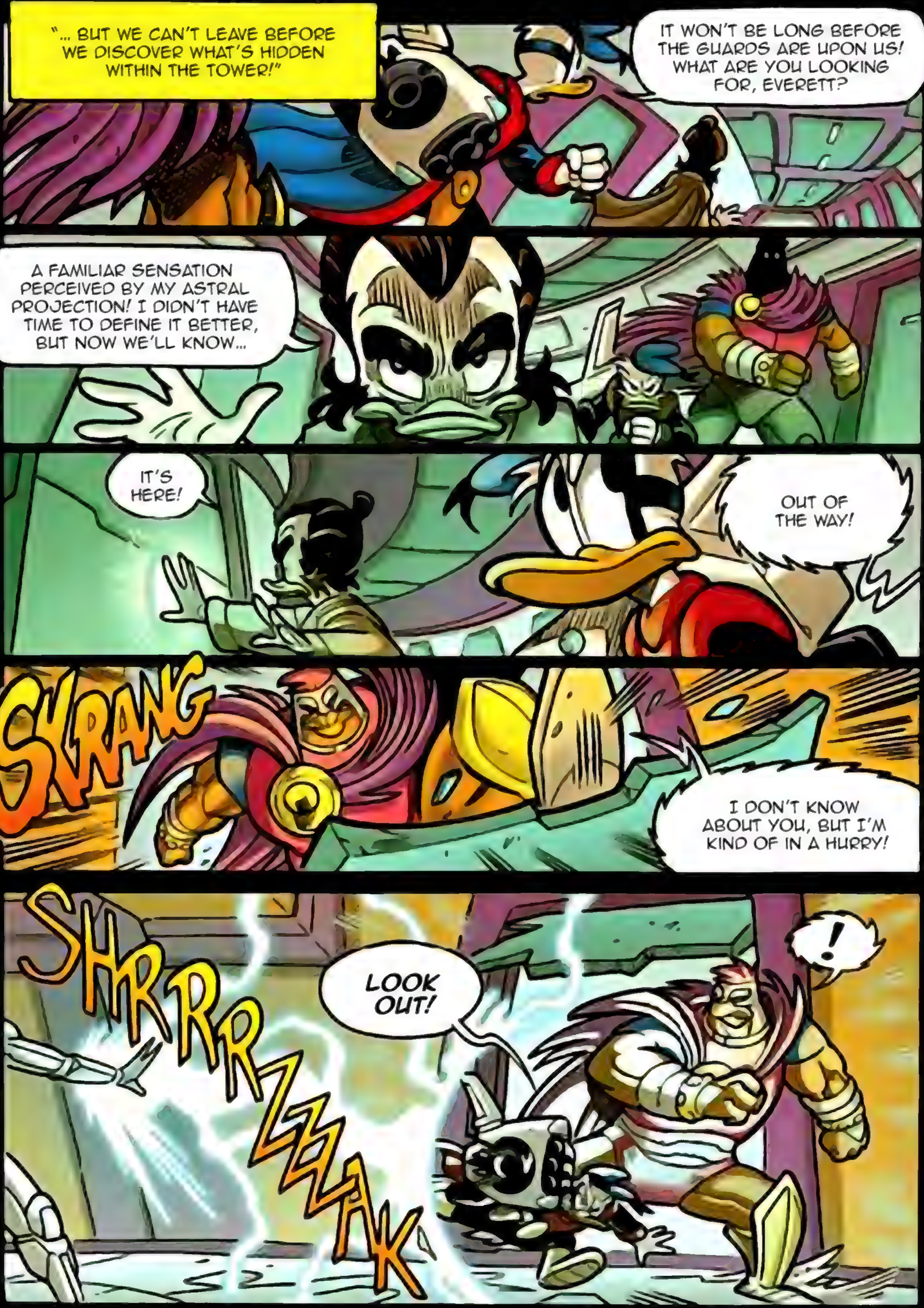

... IT'S YOU, KORINNA! TO YOURSELF, TO OTHERS AND TO THIS WORLD!
I CAN SENSE WHAT IS INSIDE YOU! A DARK FORCE IS CONSUMING YOU, BUT IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SET YOU FREE!
I'M SORRY, MY CHILD!
TUMP
I WANTED TO DO MORE FOR YOU AND I PROMISE THAT I WILL! SLEEP NOW...
... AND HAVE GOOD DREAMS!


WHOA! WHAT... WHAT HAPPENED?
YOU GOT A TASTE OF KORINNA'S TALENT! SHE'S ABLE TO MUDDLE PEOPLE'S THOUGHTS, BUT LUCKILY EVERETT CAME TO THE RESCUE!
WEREN'T WE THE ONES SUPPOSED TO SAVE HIM?
WHY NITPICK? WHAT MATTERS IS THAT WE'RE ALL HERE TOGETHER, ALL IN ONE PIECE!
IT IS ONE WHO DESERVES THE CREDIT!
OH, I DIDN'T DO MUCH! I ONLY LOCATED MASTER DUCKLAIR, UNLOCKED THE LATCH ON THE SECURITY DOOR AND DECRYPTED THE CODES TO DEACTIVATE THE SHIELD KEEPING HIM CONTAINED...
... BY PROCESSING UNUSUALLY COMPLEX SEQUENCES IN AN IMPOSSIBLY SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME! BUT I'M CERTAIN YOU'D HAVE DONE THE SAME IN MY PLACE!
NICE AND MODEST! WHAT MORE DO YOU WANT?
A PLAN FOR GETTING OUT OF HERE?
YOU CAN TELEPORT US OUT OF THE TOWER! WHILE EVERYONE'S LOOKING FOR US UP HERE WE'LL RETURN TO THE SHUTTLES AND...
NOT YET! WHILE I WAS IMPRISONED, I PICKED UP A TRACE! IT WAS ONLY FOR AN INSTANT...


"... BUT WE CAN'T LEAVE BEFORE WE DISCOVER WHAT'S HIDDEN WITHIN THE TOWER!"
IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE THE GUARDS ARE UPON US! WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR, EVERETT?
A FAMILIAR SENSATION PERCEIVED BY MY ASTRAL PROJECTION! I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO DEFINE IT BETTER, BUT NOW WE'LL KNOW...
IT'S HERE!
OUT OF THE WAY!
SKRANG
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT I'M KIND OF IN A HURRY!
SHRRRRZZZZAK
LOOK OUT!
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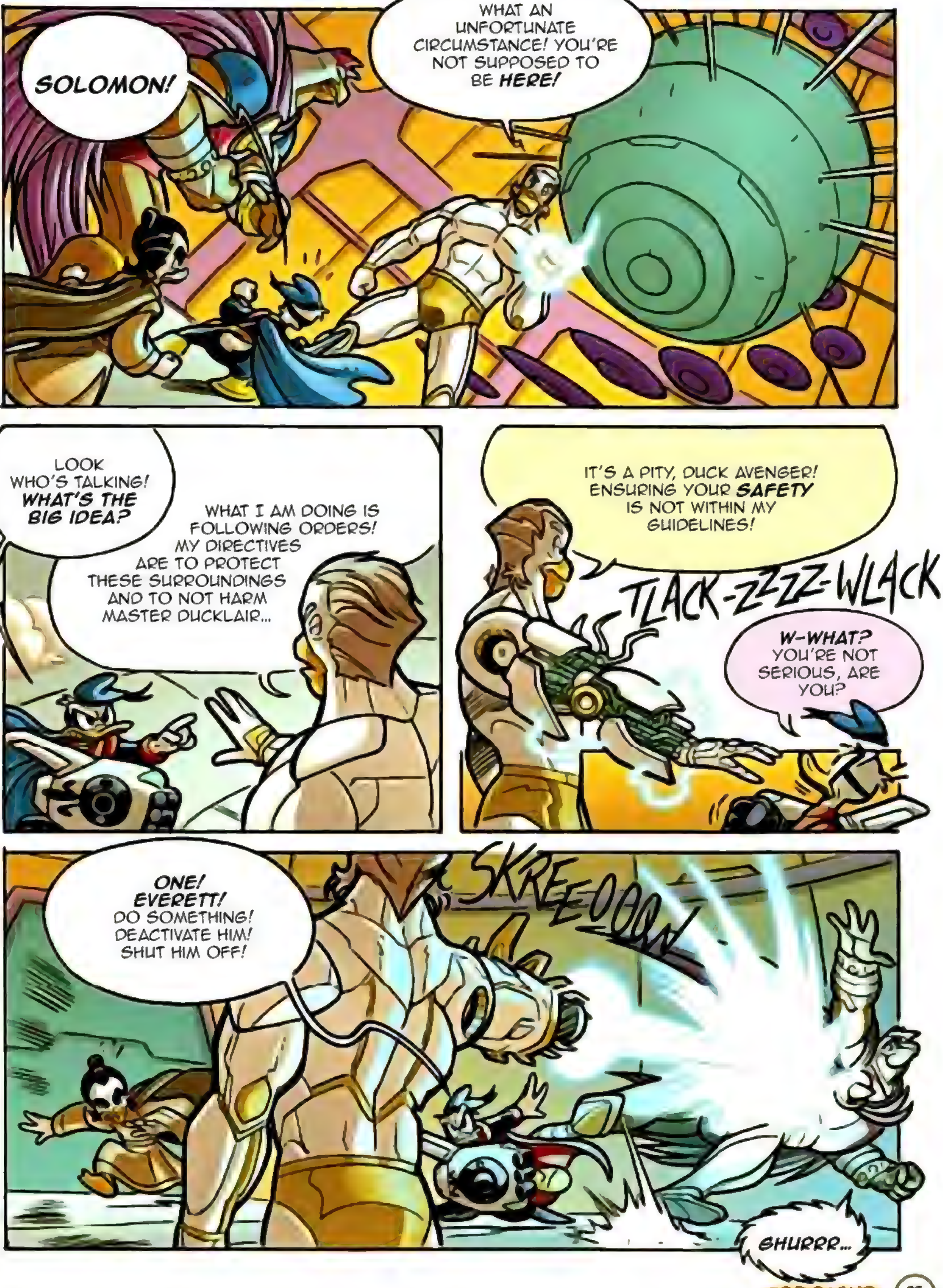
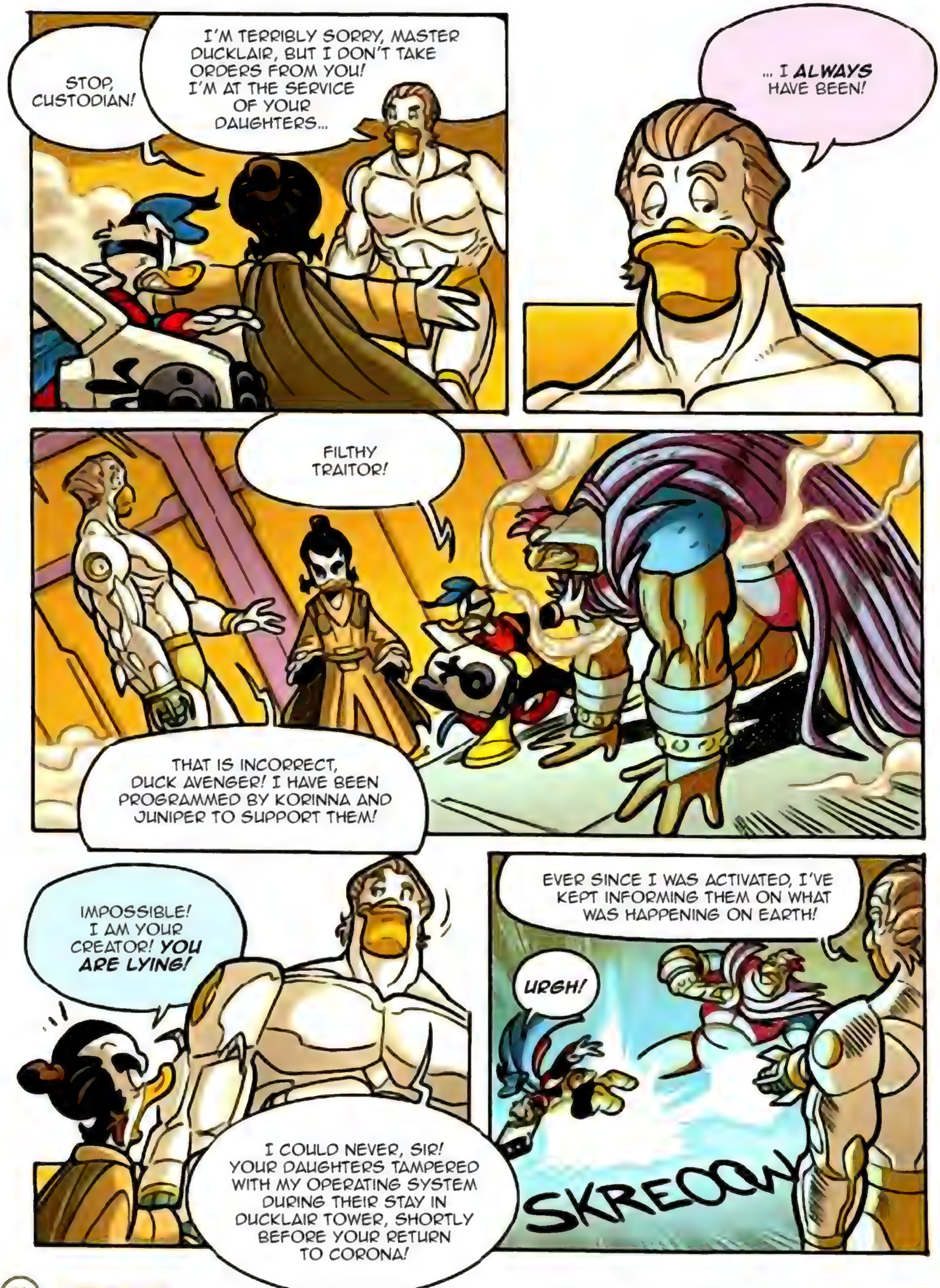
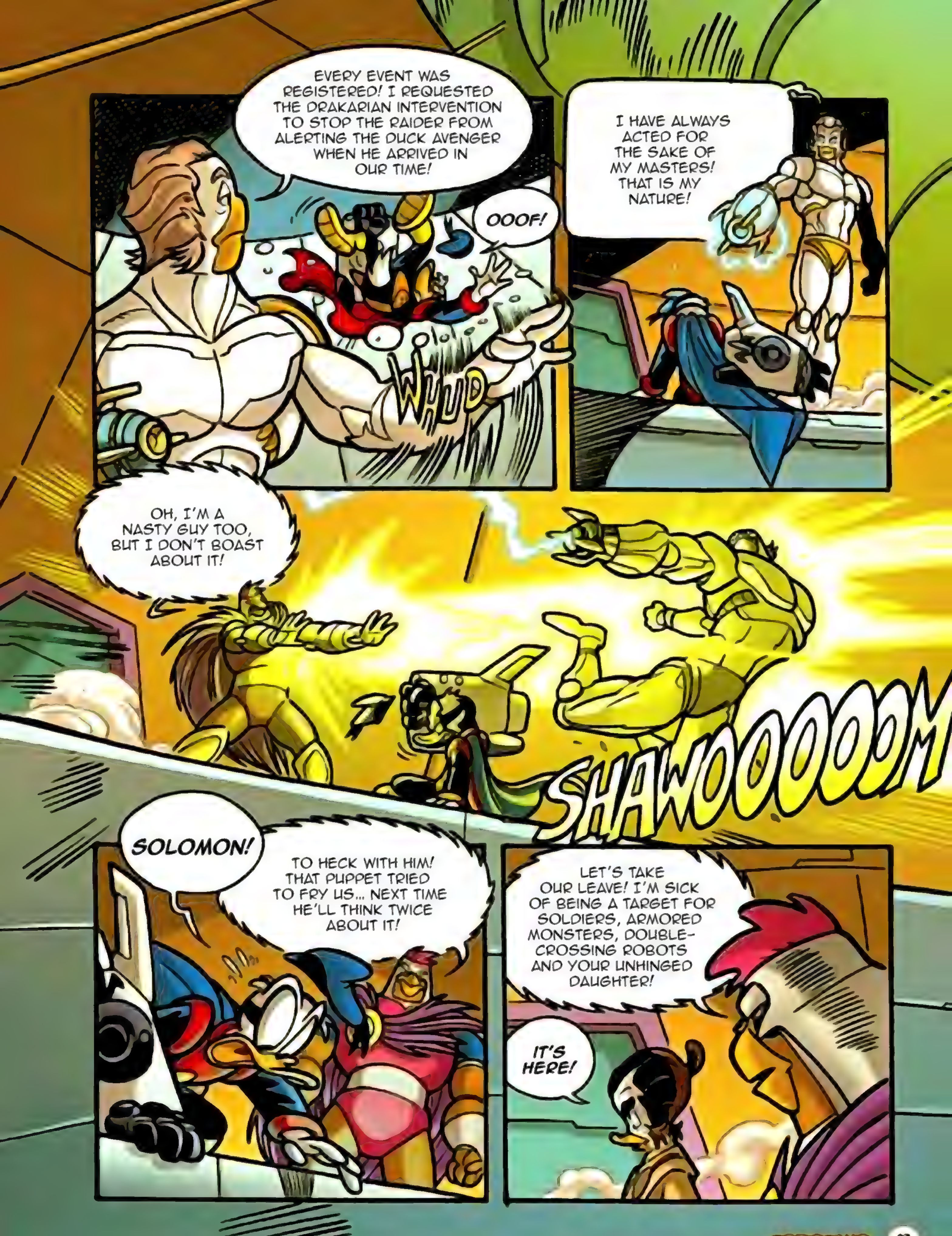
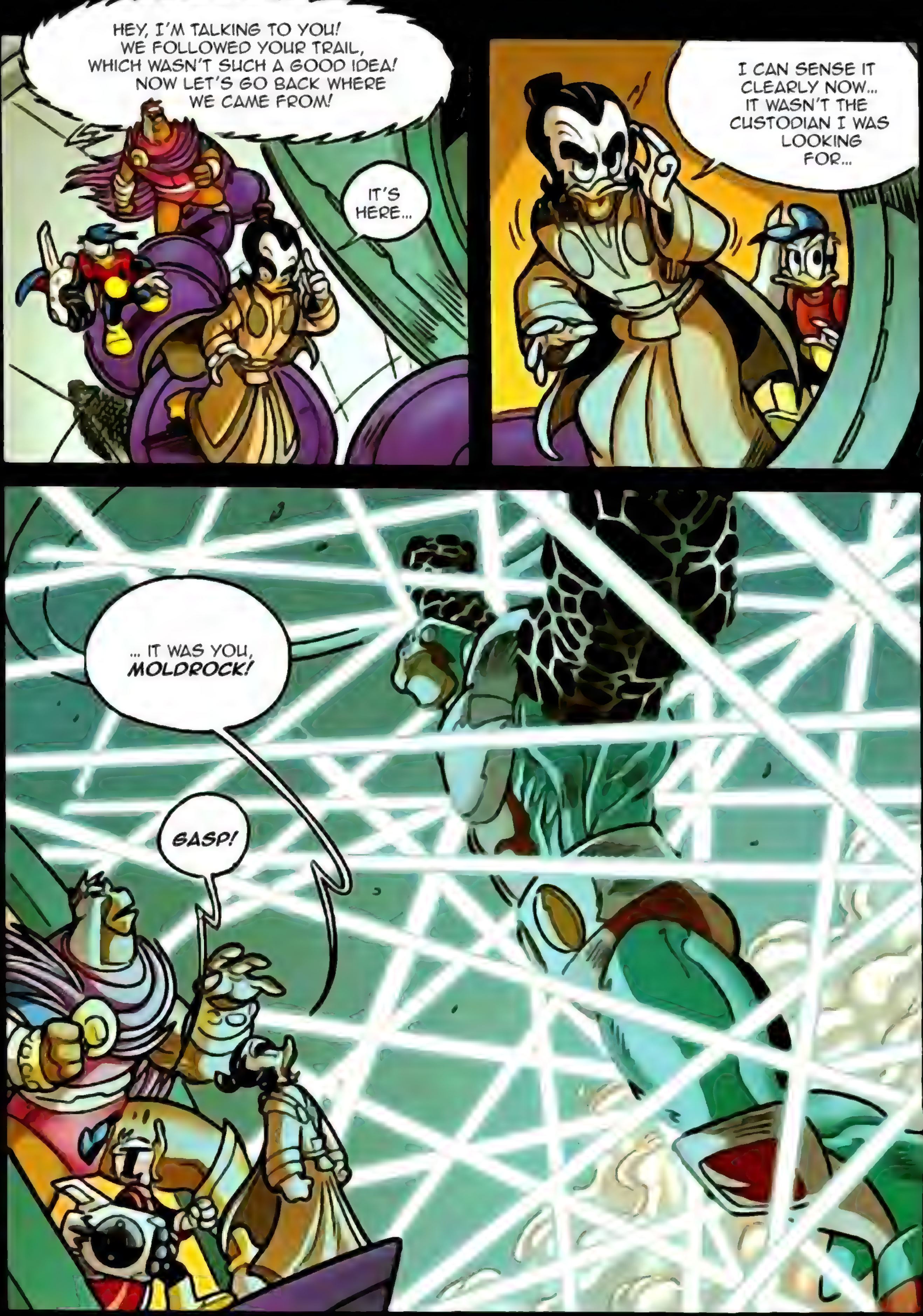
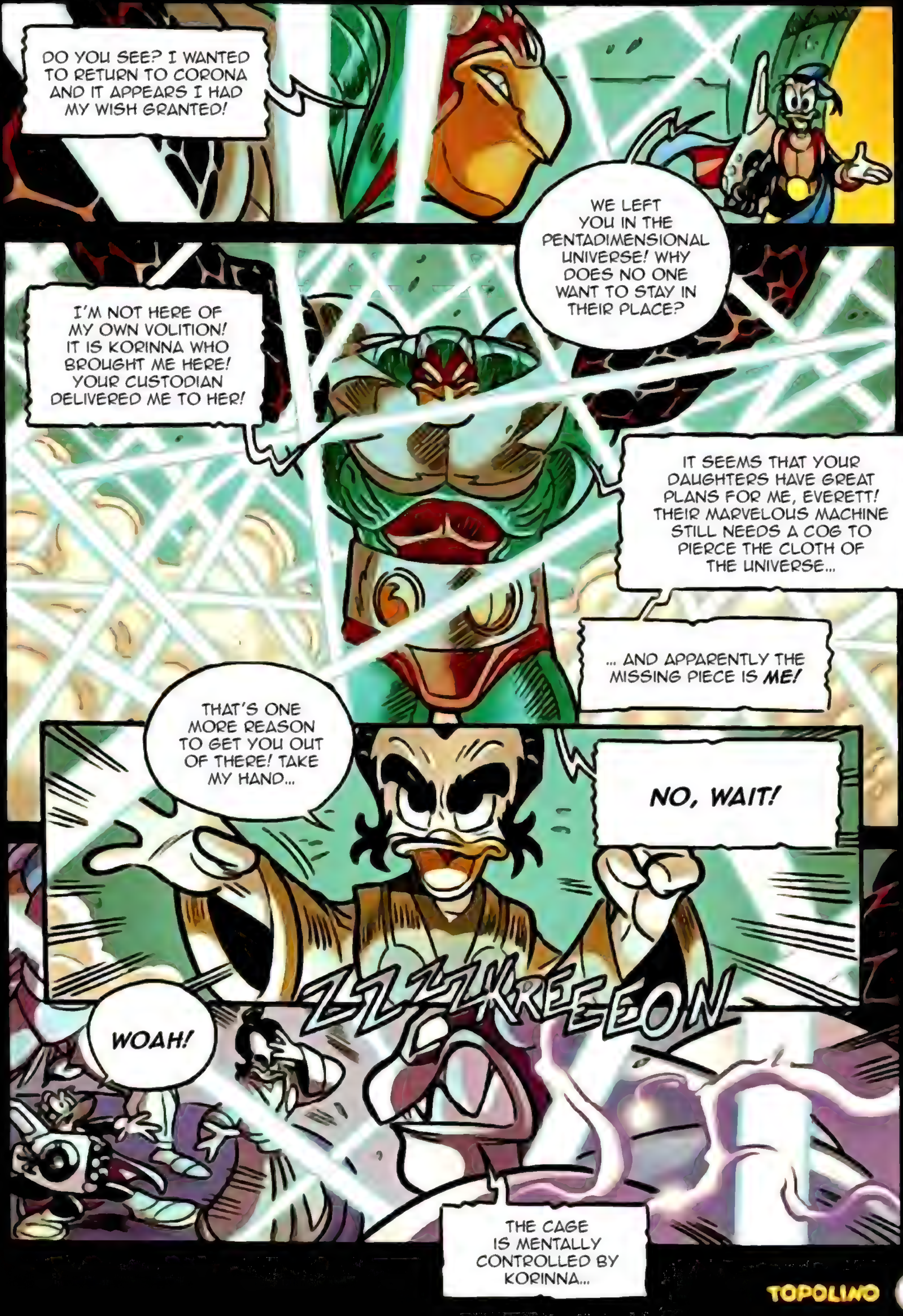
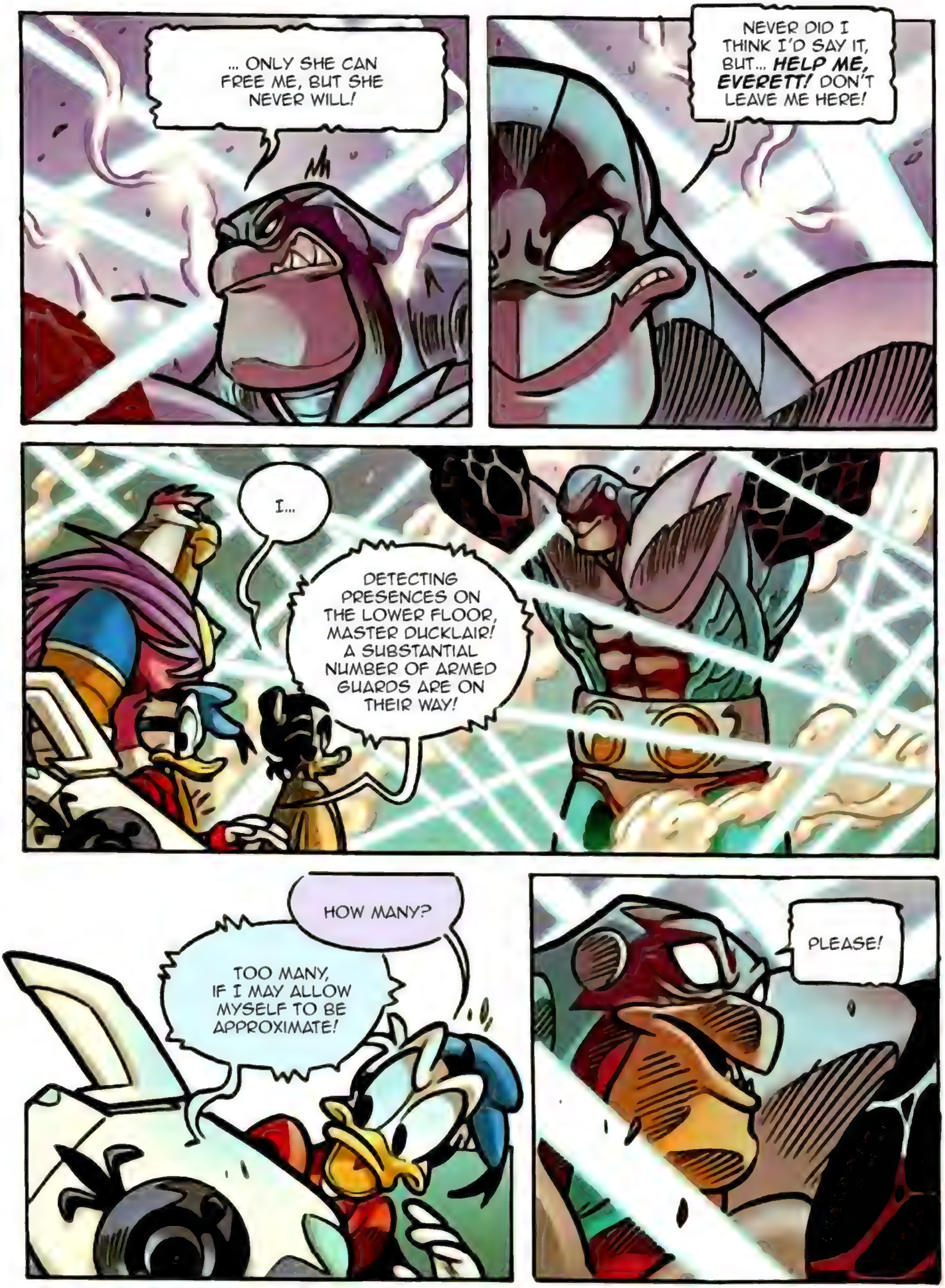

SOLOMON!
WHAT AN UNFORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCE! YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE *HERE!*
LOOK WHO'S TALKING! *WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?*
WHAT I AM DOING IS FOLLOWING ORDERS! MY DIRECTIVES ARE TO PROTECT THESE SURROUNDINGS AND TO NOT HARM MASTER DUCKLAIR...
IT'S A PITY, DUCK AVENGER! ENSURING YOUR *SAFETY* IS NOT WITHIN MY GUIDELINES!
TLACK-ZZZZ-WLACK
W-WHAT? YOU'RE NOT SERIOUS, ARE YOU?
ONE! EVERETT! DO SOMETHING! DEACTIVATE HIM! SHUT HIM OFF!
SKREEOOON
GHURRR...

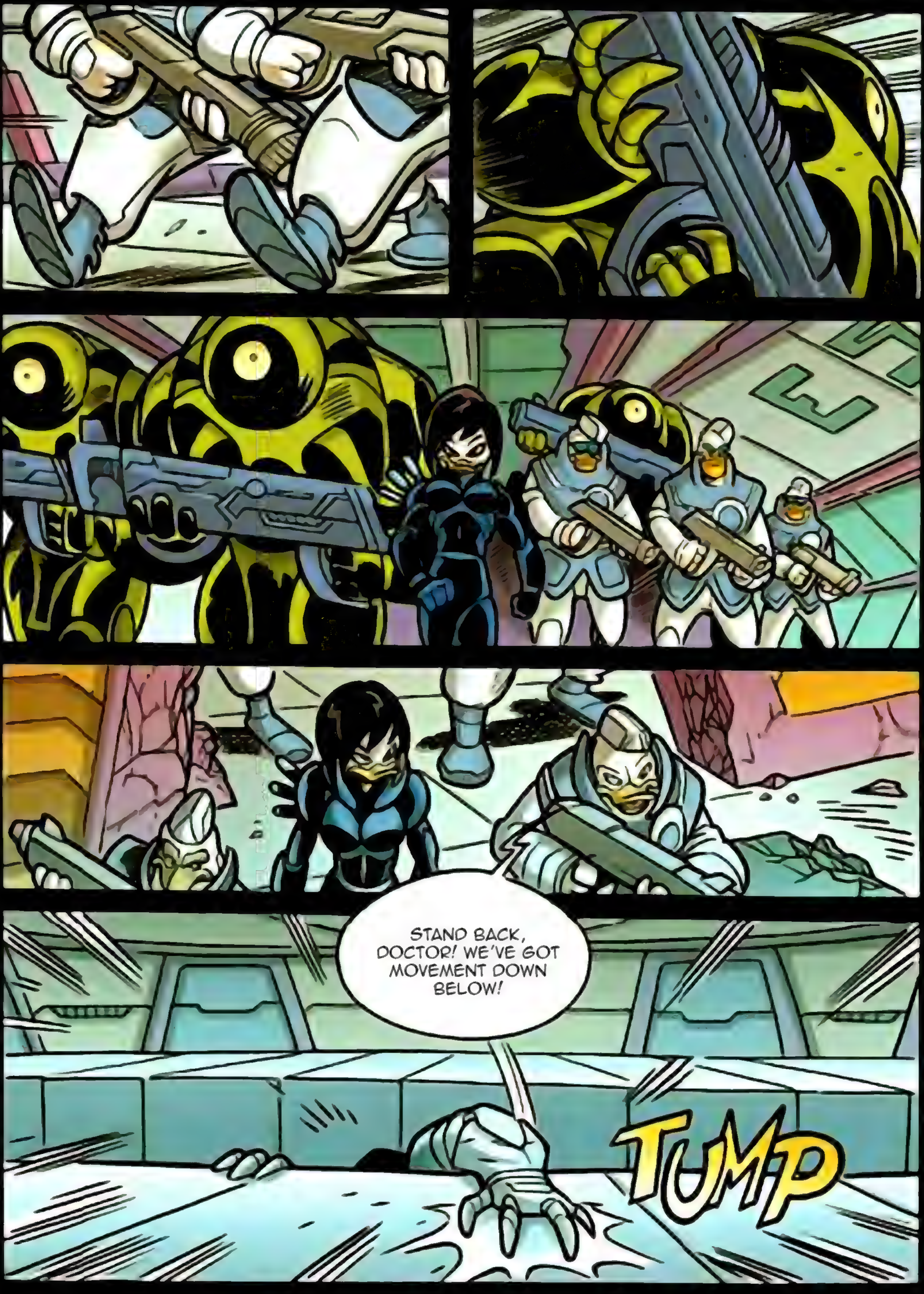

STOP, CUSTODIAN!
I'M TERRIBLY SORRY, MASTER DUCKLAIR, BUT I DON'T TAKE ORDERS FROM YOU! I'M AT THE SERVICE OF YOUR DAUGHTERS...
... I **ALWAYS** HAVE BEEN!
FILTHY TRAITOR!
THAT IS INCORRECT, DUCK AVENGER! I HAVE BEEN PROGRAMMED BY KORINNA AND JUNIPER TO SUPPORT THEM!
IMPOSSIBLE! I AM YOUR CREATOR! **YOU ARE LYING!**
I COULD NEVER, SIR! YOUR DAUGHTERS TAMPERED WITH MY OPERATING SYSTEM DURING THEIR STAY IN DUCKLAIR TOWER, SHORTLY BEFORE YOUR RETURN TO CORONA!
EVER SINCE I WAS ACTIVATED, I'VE KEPT INFORMING THEM ON WHAT WAS HAPPENING ON EARTH!
URGH!
SKREOOW

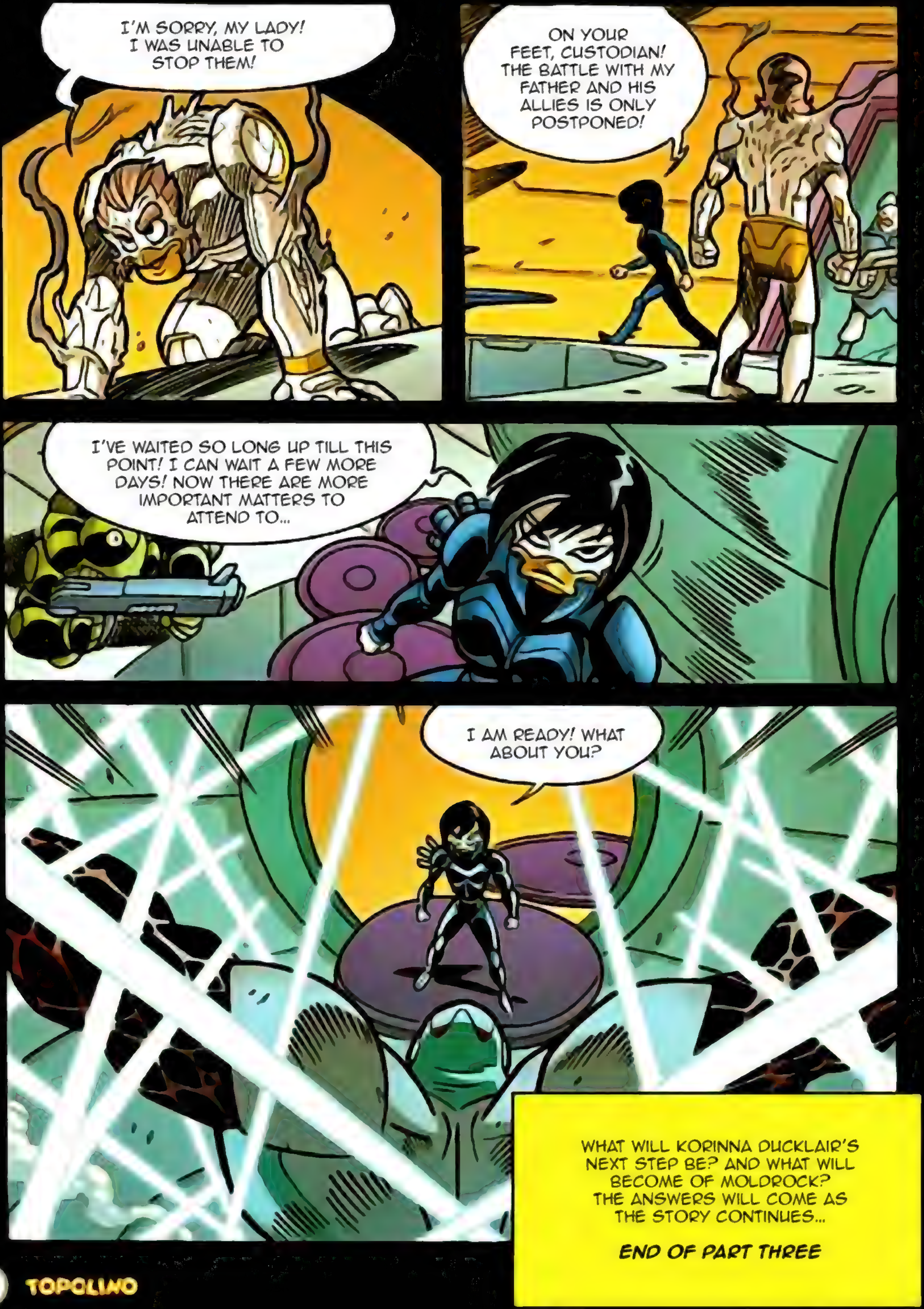

EVERY EVENT WAS REGISTERED! I REQUESTED THE DRAKARIAN INTERVENTION TO STOP THE RAIDER FROM ALERTING THE DUCK AVENGER WHEN HE ARRIVED IN OUR TIME!
OOOF!
WHUD
I HAVE ALWAYS ACTED FOR THE SAKE OF MY MASTERS! THAT IS MY NATURE!
OH, I'M A NASTY GUY TOO, BUT I DON'T BOAST ABOUT IT!
SHAWOOOOOM
SOLOMON!
TO HECK WITH HIM! THAT PUPPET TRIED TO FRY US... NEXT TIME HE'LL THINK TWICE ABOUT IT!
LET'S TAKE OUR LEAVE! I'M SICK OF BEING A TARGET FOR SOLDIERS, ARMORED MONSTERS, DOUBLE-CROSSING ROBOTS AND YOUR UNHINGED DAUGHTER!
IT'S HERE!

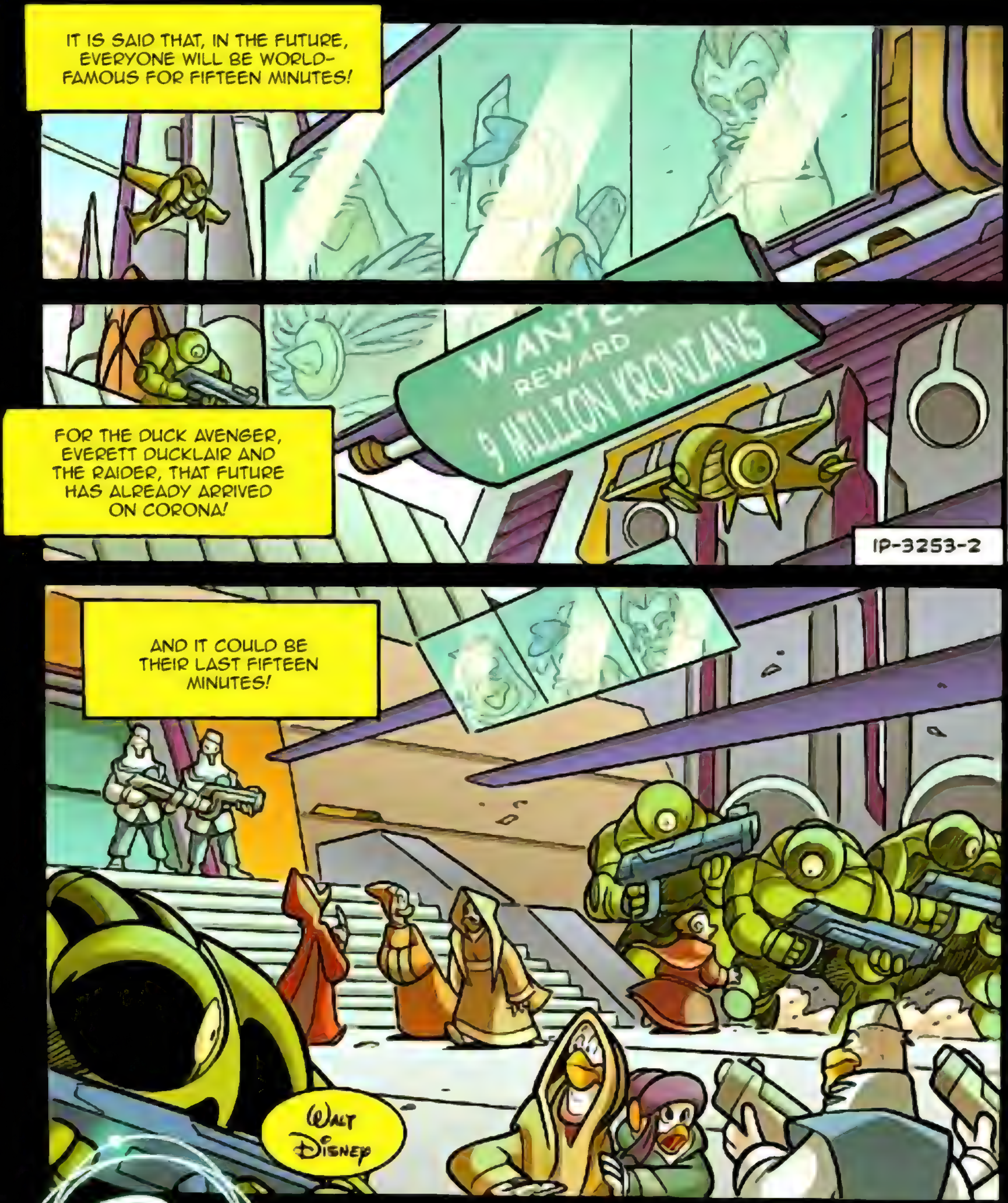

HEY, I'M TALKING TO YOU! WE FOLLOWED YOUR TRAIL, WHICH WASN'T SUCH A GOOD IDEA! NOW LET'S GO BACK WHERE WE CAME FROM!
IT'S HERE...
I CAN SENSE IT CLEARLY NOW... IT WASN'T THE CUSTODIAN I WAS LOOKING FOR...
... IT WAS YOU, *MOLDROCK!*
GASP!


DO YOU SEE? I WANTED TO RETURN TO CORONA AND IT APPEARS I HAD MY WISH GRANTED!
WE LEFT YOU IN THE PENTADIMENSIONAL UNIVERSE! WHY DOES NO ONE WANT TO STAY IN THEIR PLACE?
I'M NOT HERE OF MY OWN VOLITION! IT IS KORINNA WHO BROUGHT ME HERE! YOUR CUSTODIAN DELIVERED ME TO HER!
IT SEEMS THAT YOUR DAUGHTERS HAVE GREAT PLANS FOR ME, EVERETT! THEIR MARVELOUS MACHINE STILL NEEDS A COG TO PIERCE THE CLOTH OF THE UNIVERSE...
... AND APPARENTLY THE MISSING PIECE IS *ME!*
THAT'S ONE MORE REASON TO GET YOU OUT OF THERE! TAKE MY HAND...
NO, WAIT!
ZZZZKREEEEON
WOAH!
THE CAGE IS MENTALLY CONTROLLED BY KORINNA...


... ONLY SHE CAN FREE ME, BUT SHE NEVER WILL!
NEVER DID I THINK I'D SAY IT, BUT... HELP ME, EVERETT! DON'T LEAVE ME HERE!
I...
DETECTING PRESENCES ON THE LOWER FLOOR, MASTER DUCKLAIR! A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF ARMED GUARDS ARE ON THEIR WAY!
HOW MANY?
TOO MANY, IF I MAY ALLOW MYSELF TO BE APPROXIMATE!
PLEASE!


STAND BACK, DOCTOR! WE'VE GOT MOVEMENT DOWN BELOW!
TUMP


I'M SORRY, MY LADY! I WAS UNABLE TO STOP THEM!
ON YOUR FEET, CUSTODIAN! THE BATTLE WITH MY FATHER AND HIS ALLIES IS ONLY POSTPONED!
I'VE WAITED SO LONG UP TILL THIS POINT! I CAN WAIT A FEW MORE DAYS! NOW THERE ARE MORE IMPORTANT MATTERS TO ATTEND TO...
I AM READY! WHAT ABOUT YOU?
WHAT WILL KORINNA DUCKLAIR'S NEXT STEP BE? AND WHAT WILL BECOME OF MOLDROCK? THE ANSWERS WILL COME AS THE STORY CONTINUES...
END OF PART THREE


IT IS SAID THAT, IN THE FUTURE, EVERYONE WILL BE WORLD-FAMOUS FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES!
WANTE
REWARD
9 MILLION KRONIANS
FOR THE DUCK AVENGER, EVERETT DUCKLAIR AND THE RAIDER, THAT FUTURE HAS ALREADY ARRIVED ON CORONA!
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AND IT COULD BE THEIR LAST FIFTEEN MINUTES!
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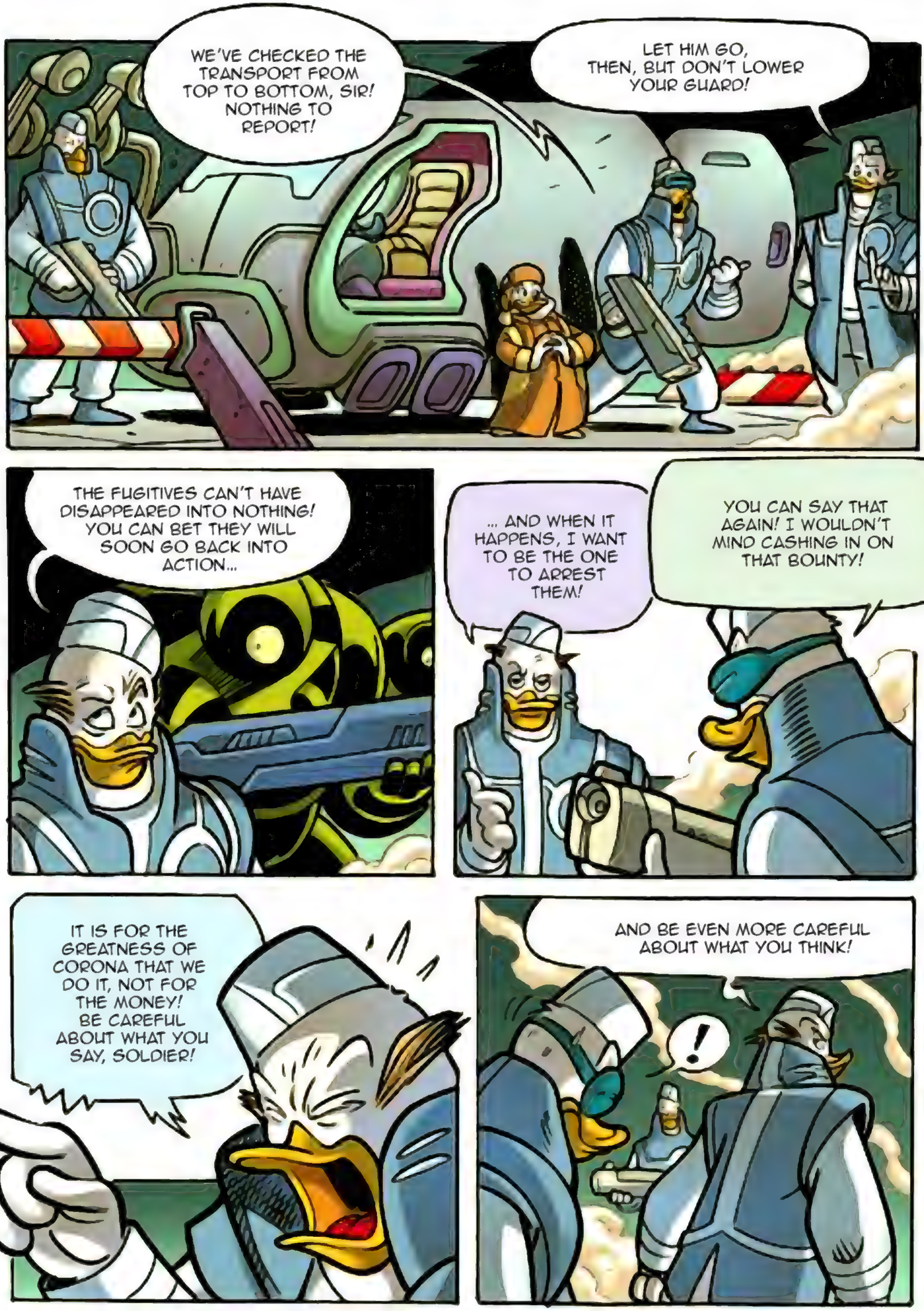
WE'VE CHECKED THE TRANSPORT FROM TOP TO BOTTOM, SIR! NOTHING TO REPORT!
LET HIM GO, THEN, BUT DON'T LOWER YOUR GUARD!
THE FUGITIVES CAN'T HAVE DISAPPEARED INTO NOTHING! YOU CAN BET THEY WILL SOON GO BACK INTO ACTION...
... AND WHEN IT HAPPENS, I WANT TO BE THE ONE TO ARREST THEM!
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN! I WOULDN'T MIND CASHING IN ON THAT BOUNTY!
IT IS FOR THE GREATNESS OF CORONA THAT WE DO IT, NOT FOR THE MONEY! BE CAREFUL ABOUT WHAT YOU SAY, SOLDIER!
AND BE EVEN MORE CAREFUL ABOUT WHAT YOU THINK!
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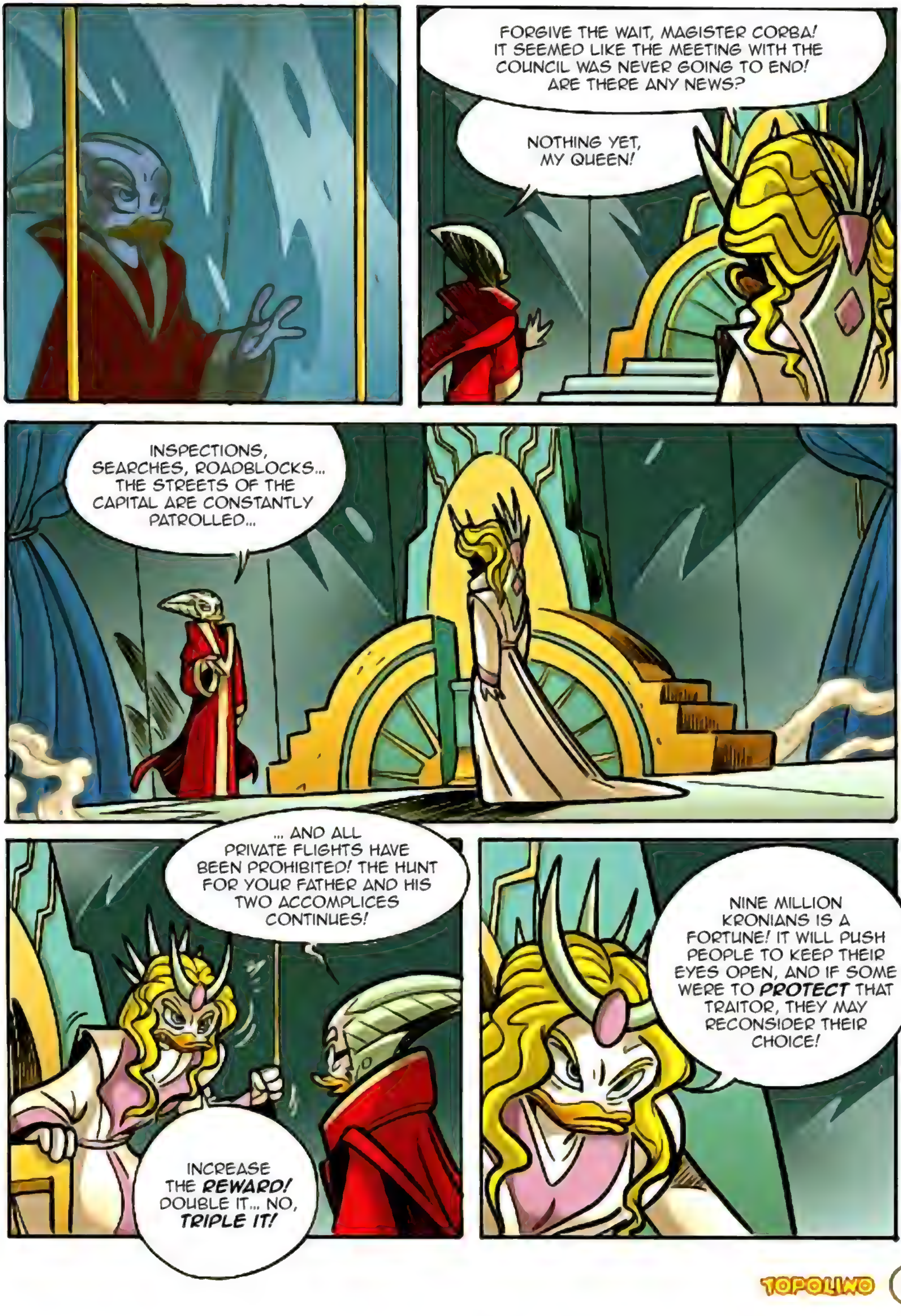
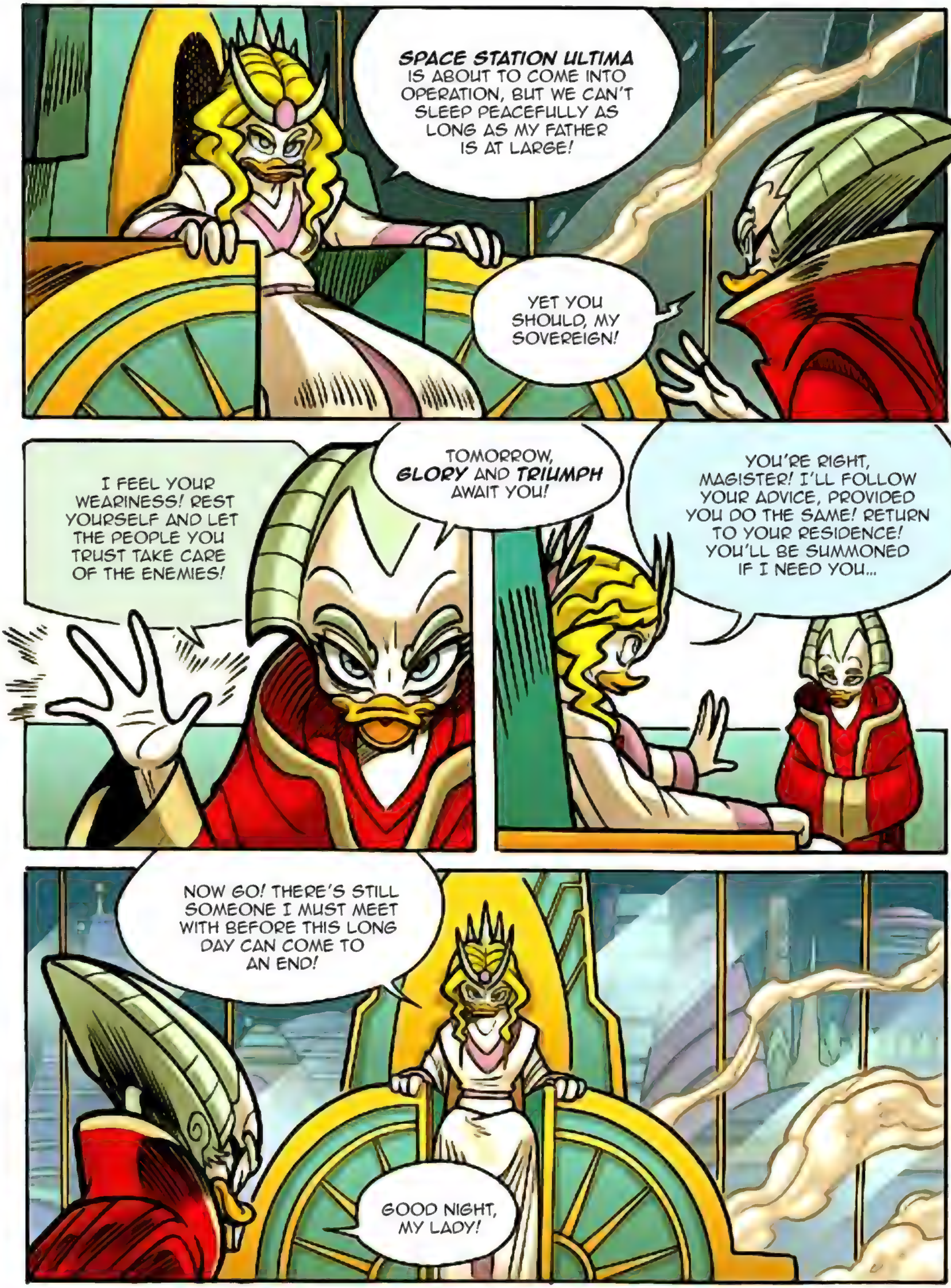
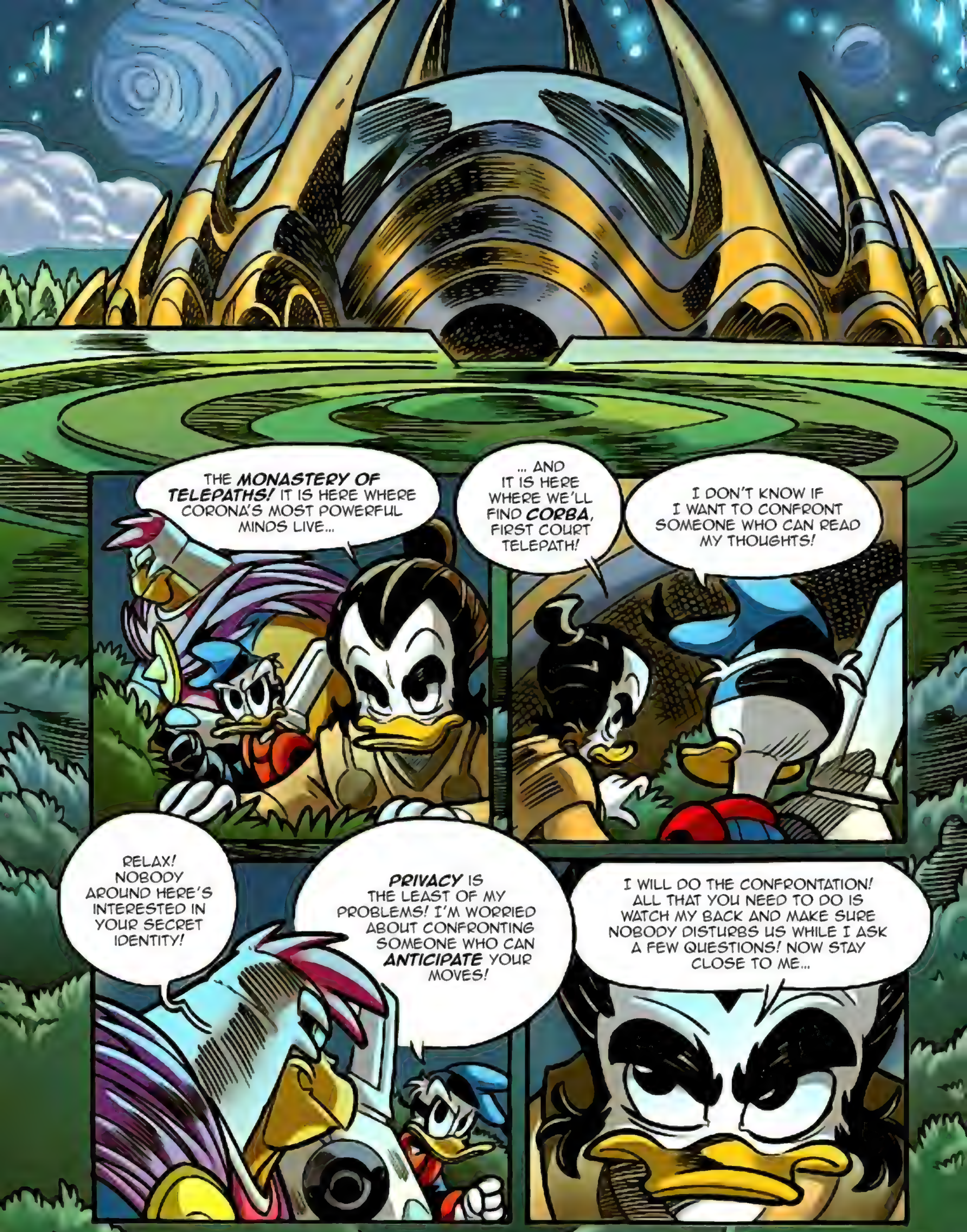
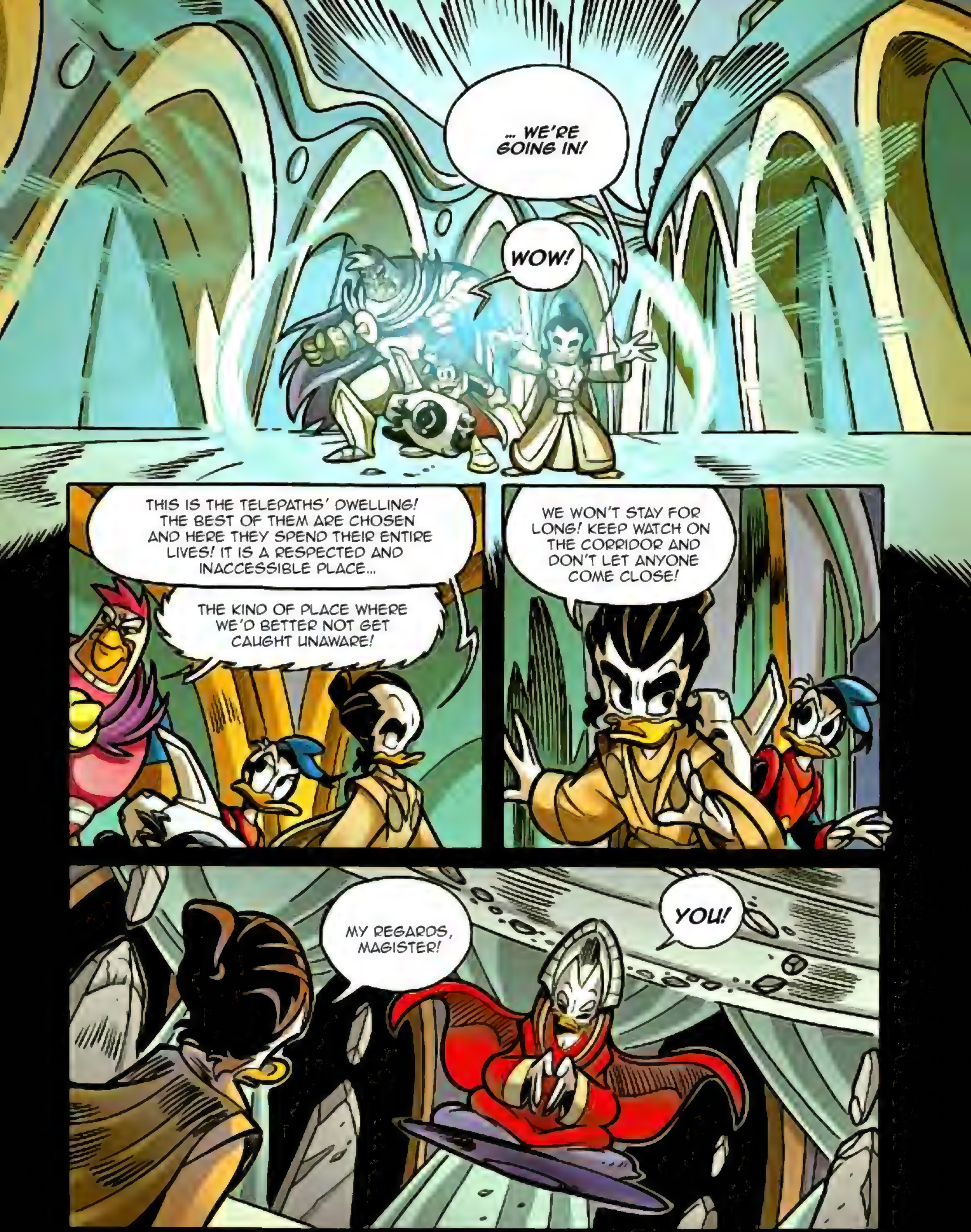
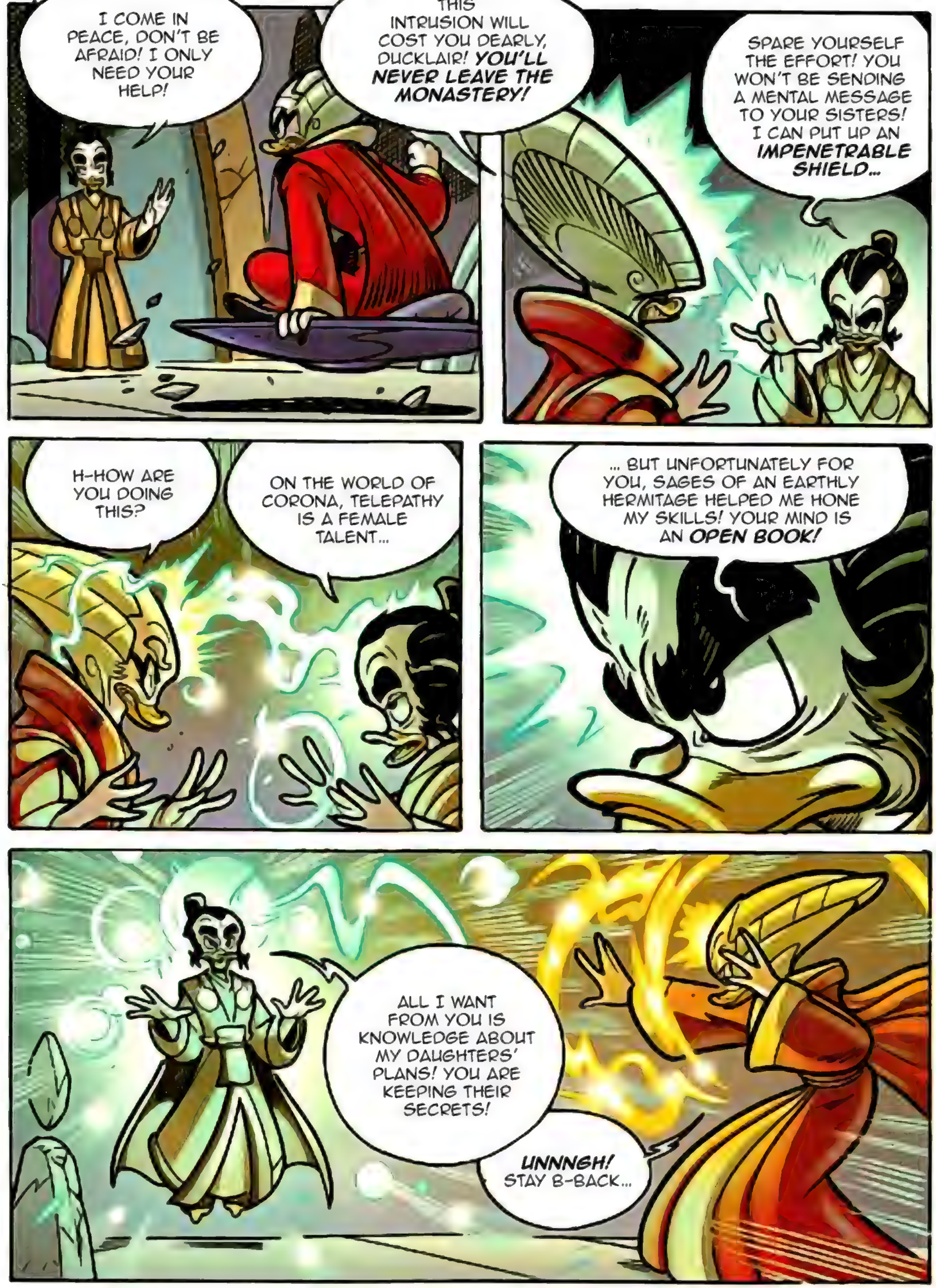
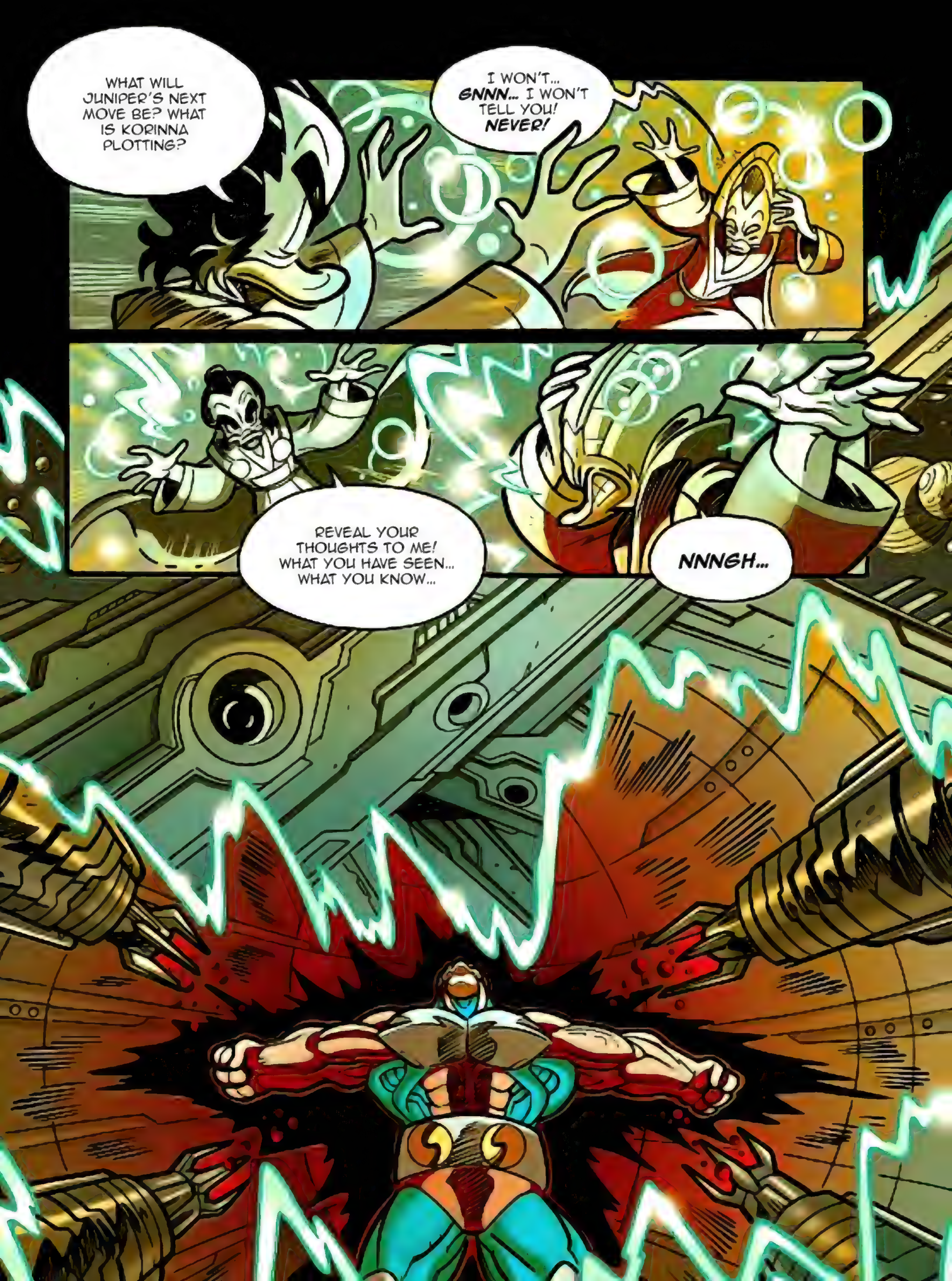

FORGIVE THE WAIT, MAGISTER CORBA! IT SEEMED LIKE THE MEETING WITH THE COUNCIL WAS NEVER GOING TO END! ARE THERE ANY NEWS?
NOTHING YET, MY QUEEN!
INSPECTIONS, SEARCHES, ROADBLOCKS... THE STREETS OF THE CAPITAL ARE CONSTANTLY PATROLLED...
... AND ALL PRIVATE FLIGHTS HAVE BEEN PROHIBITED! THE HUNT FOR YOUR FATHER AND HIS TWO ACCOMPLICES CONTINUES!
INCREASE THE **REWARD!** DOUBLE IT... NO, **TRIPLE IT!**
NINE MILLION KRONIANS IS A FORTUNE! IT WILL PUSH PEOPLE TO KEEP THEIR EYES OPEN, AND IF SOME WERE TO **PROTECT** THAT TRAITOR, THEY MAY RECONSIDER THEIR CHOICE!

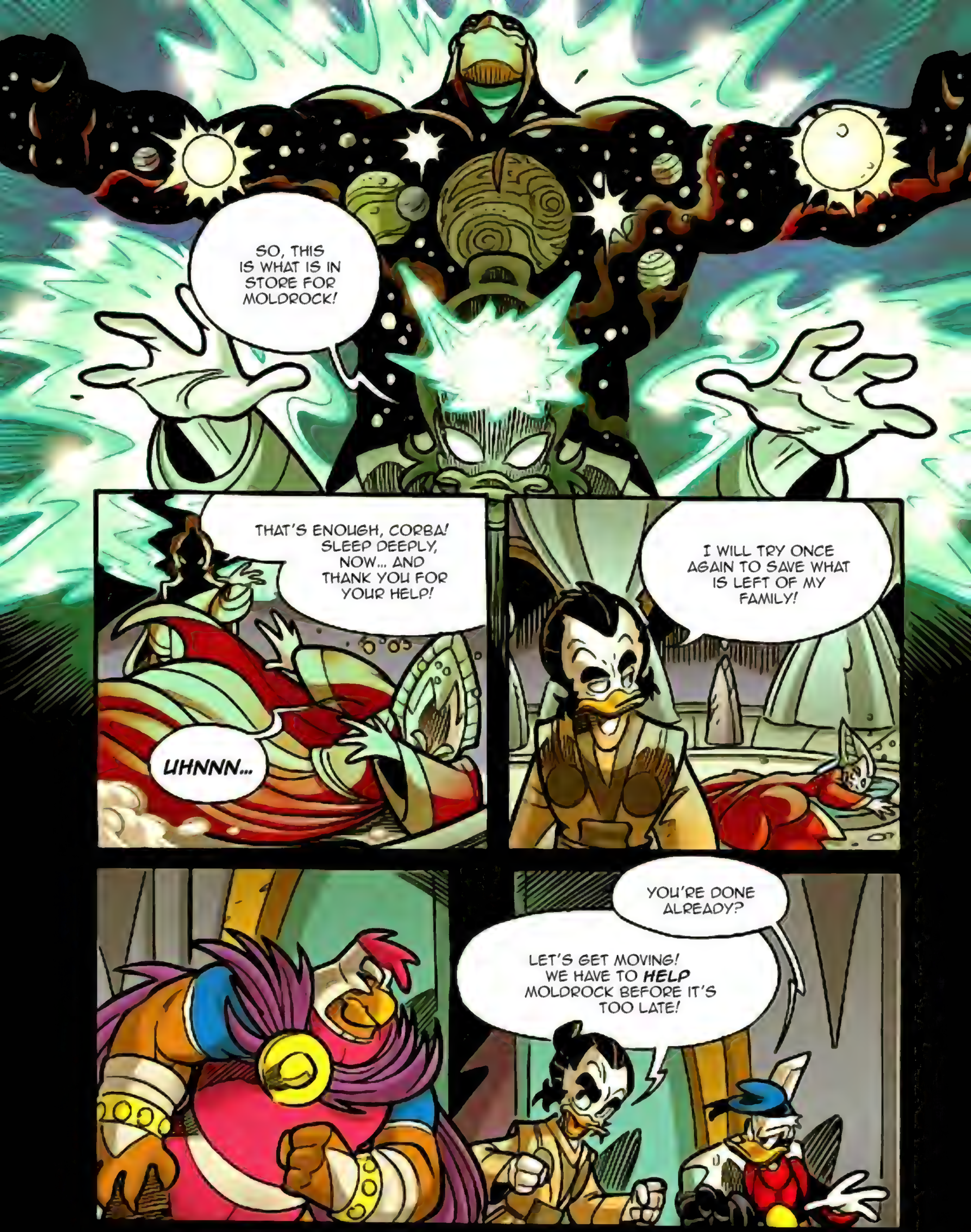

SPACE STATION ULTIMA IS ABOUT TO COME INTO OPERATION, BUT WE CAN'T SLEEP PEACEFULLY AS LONG AS MY FATHER IS AT LARGE!
YET YOU SHOULD, MY SOVEREIGN!
I FEEL YOUR WEARINESS! REST YOURSELF AND LET THE PEOPLE YOU TRUST TAKE CARE OF THE ENEMIES!
TOMORROW, **GLORY** AND **TRIUMPH** AWAIT YOU!
YOU'RE RIGHT, MAGISTER! I'LL FOLLOW YOUR ADVICE, PROVIDED YOU DO THE SAME! RETURN TO YOUR RESIDENCE! YOU'LL BE SUMMONED IF I NEED YOU...
NOW GO! THERE'S STILL SOMEONE I MUST MEET WITH BEFORE THIS LONG DAY CAN COME TO AN END!
GOOD NIGHT, MY LADY!

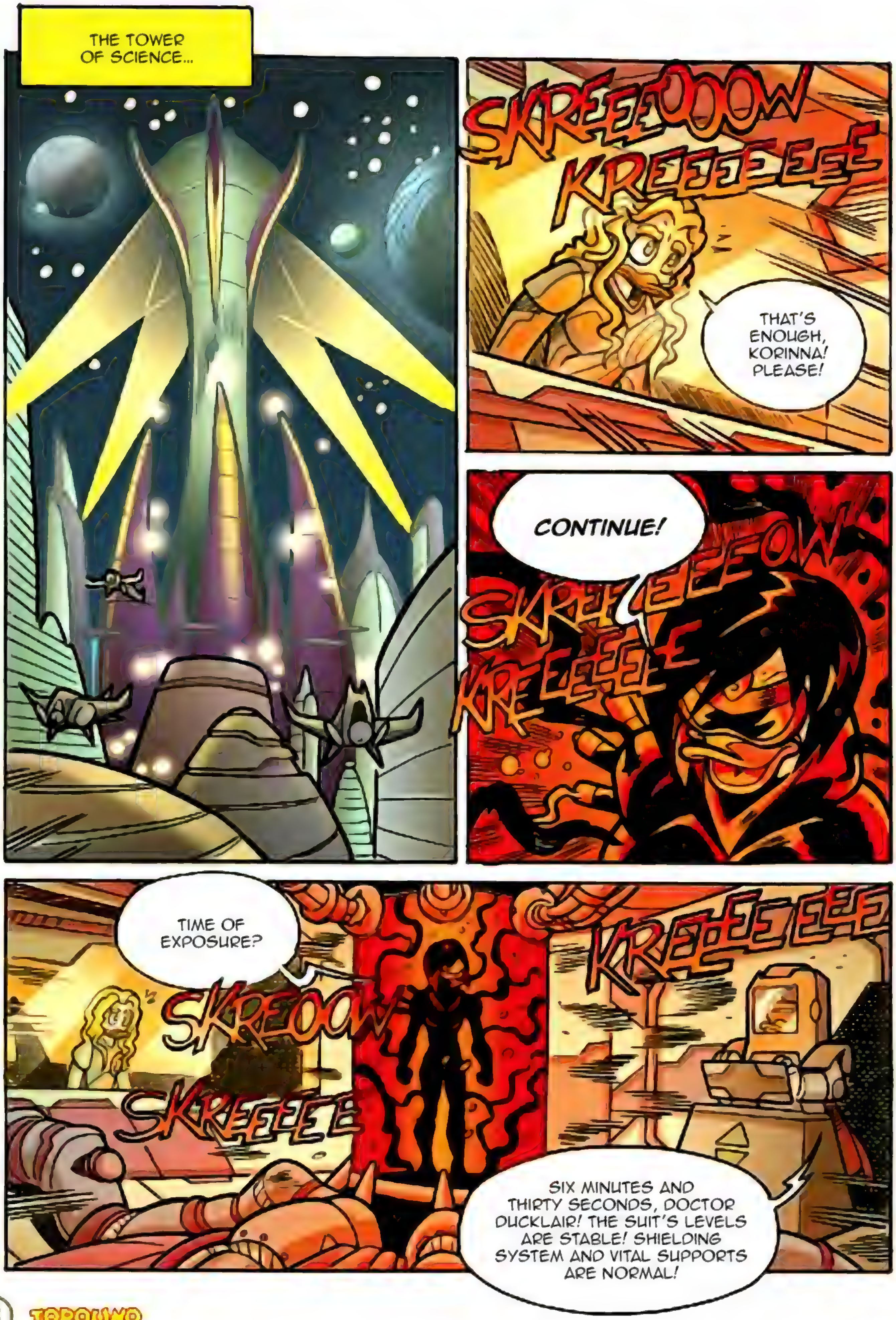

THE **MONASTERY OF TELEPATHS!** IT IS HERE WHERE CORONA'S MOST POWERFUL MINDS LIVE...
... AND IT IS HERE WHERE WE'LL FIND **CORBA**, FIRST COURT TELEPATH!
I DON'T KNOW IF I WANT TO CONFRONT SOMEONE WHO CAN READ MY THOUGHTS!
RELAX! NOBODY AROUND HERE'S INTERESTED IN YOUR SECRET IDENTITY!
PRIVACY IS THE LEAST OF MY PROBLEMS! I'M WORRIED ABOUT CONFRONTING SOMEONE WHO CAN **ANTICIPATE** YOUR MOVES!
I WILL DO THE CONFRONTATION! ALL THAT YOU NEED TO DO IS WATCH MY BACK AND MAKE SURE NOBODY DISTURBS US WHILE I ASK A FEW QUESTIONS! NOW STAY CLOSE TO ME...

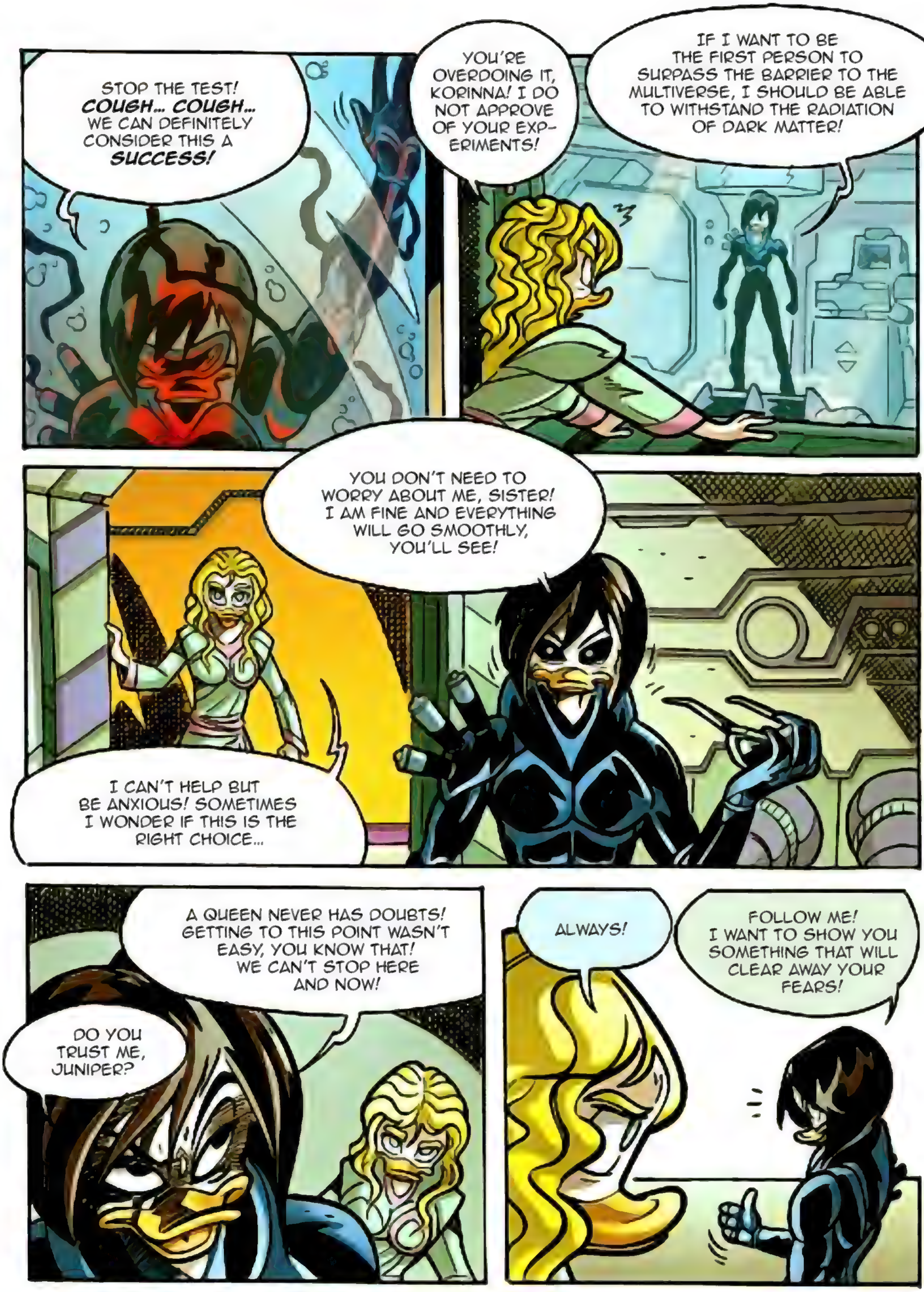

... WE'RE GOING IN!
WOW!
THIS IS THE TELEPATHS' DWELLING! THE BEST OF THEM ARE CHOSEN AND HERE THEY SPEND THEIR ENTIRE LIVES! IT IS A RESPECTED AND INACCESSIBLE PLACE...
THE KIND OF PLACE WHERE WE'D BETTER NOT GET CAUGHT UNAWARE!
WE WON'T STAY FOR LONG! KEEP WATCH ON THE CORRIDOR AND DON'T LET ANYONE COME CLOSE!
MY REGARDS, MAGISTER!
YOU!

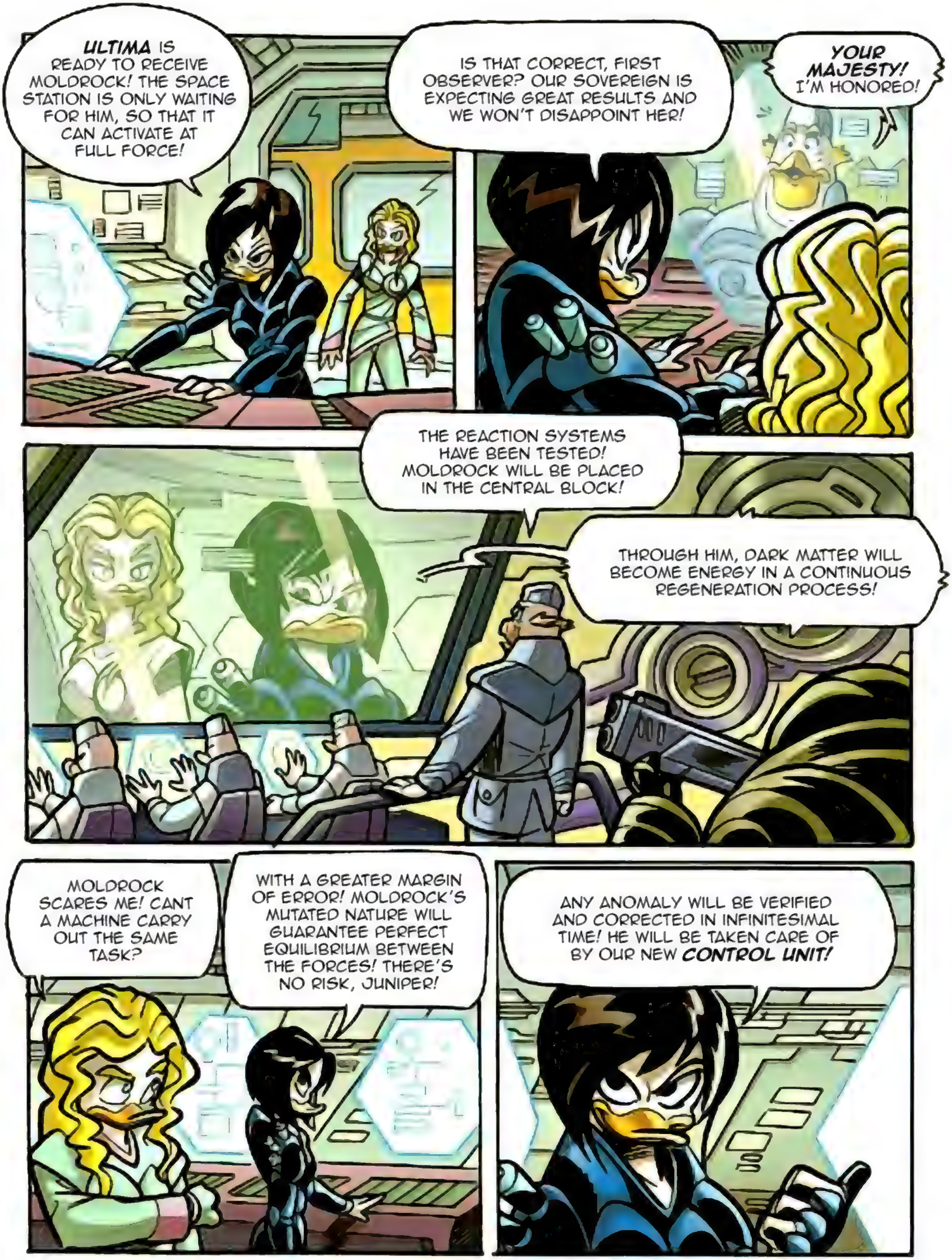

I COME IN PEACE, DON'T BE AFRAID! I ONLY NEED YOUR HELP!
THIS INTRUSION WILL COST YOU DEARLY, DUCKLAIR! **YOU'LL NEVER LEAVE THE MONASTERY!**
SPARE YOURSELF THE EFFORT! YOU WON'T BE SENDING A MENTAL MESSAGE TO YOUR SISTERS! I CAN PUT UP AN **IMPENETRABLE SHIELD...**
H-HOW ARE YOU DOING THIS?
ON THE WORLD OF CORONA, TELEPATHY IS A FEMALE TALENT...
... BUT UNFORTUNATELY FOR YOU, SAGES OF AN EARTHLY HERMITAGE HELPED ME HONE MY SKILLS! YOUR MIND IS AN **OPEN BOOK!**
ALL I WANT FROM YOU IS KNOWLEDGE ABOUT MY DAUGHTERS' PLANS! YOU ARE KEEPING THEIR SECRETS!
UNNNGH! STAY B-BACK...

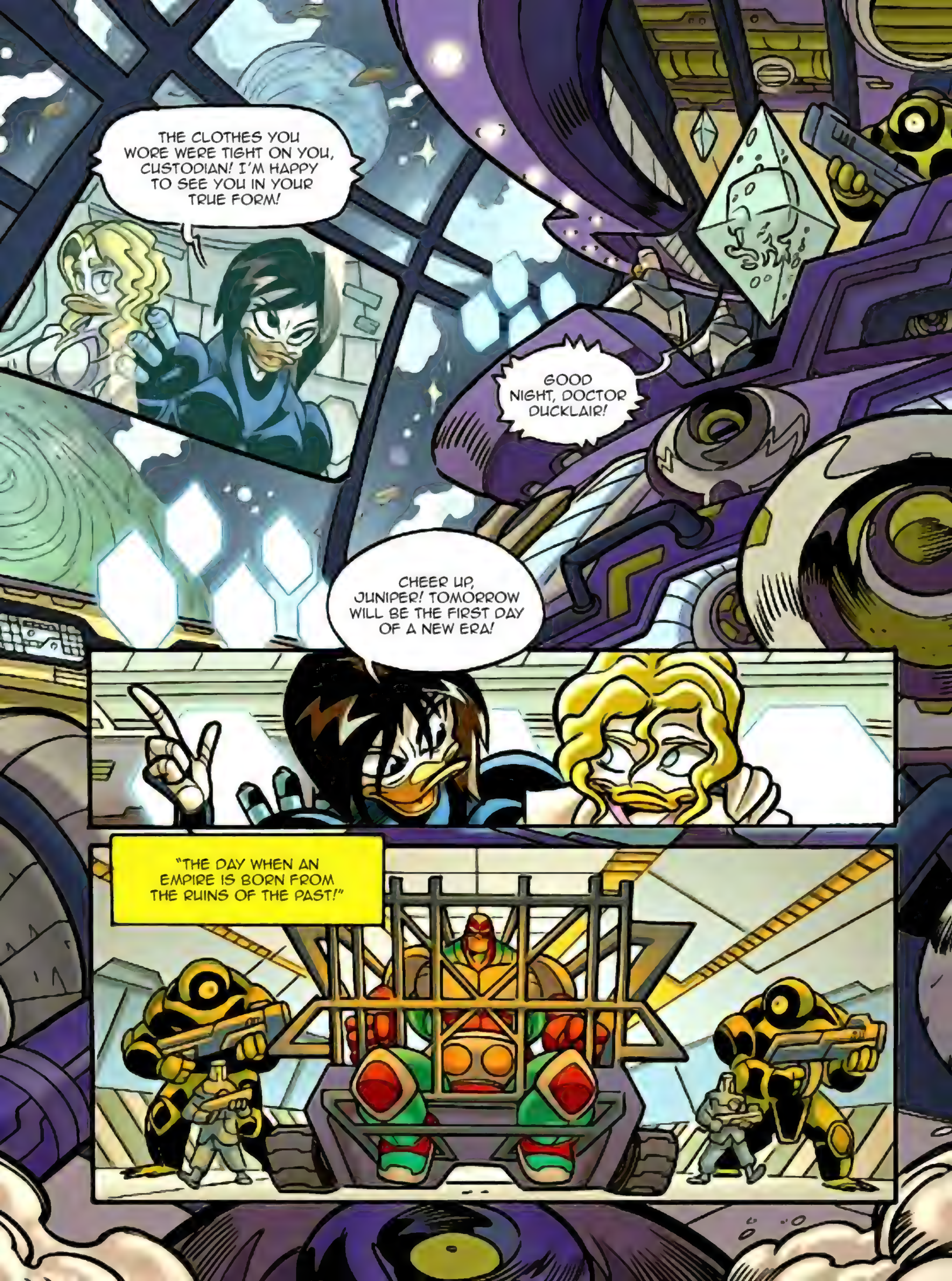

WHAT WILL JUNIPER'S NEXT MOVE BE? WHAT IS KORINNA PLOTTING?
I WON'T... GNNN... I WON'T TELL YOU! NEVER!
REVEAL YOUR THOUGHTS TO ME! WHAT YOU HAVE SEEN... WHAT YOU KNOW...
NNNGH...

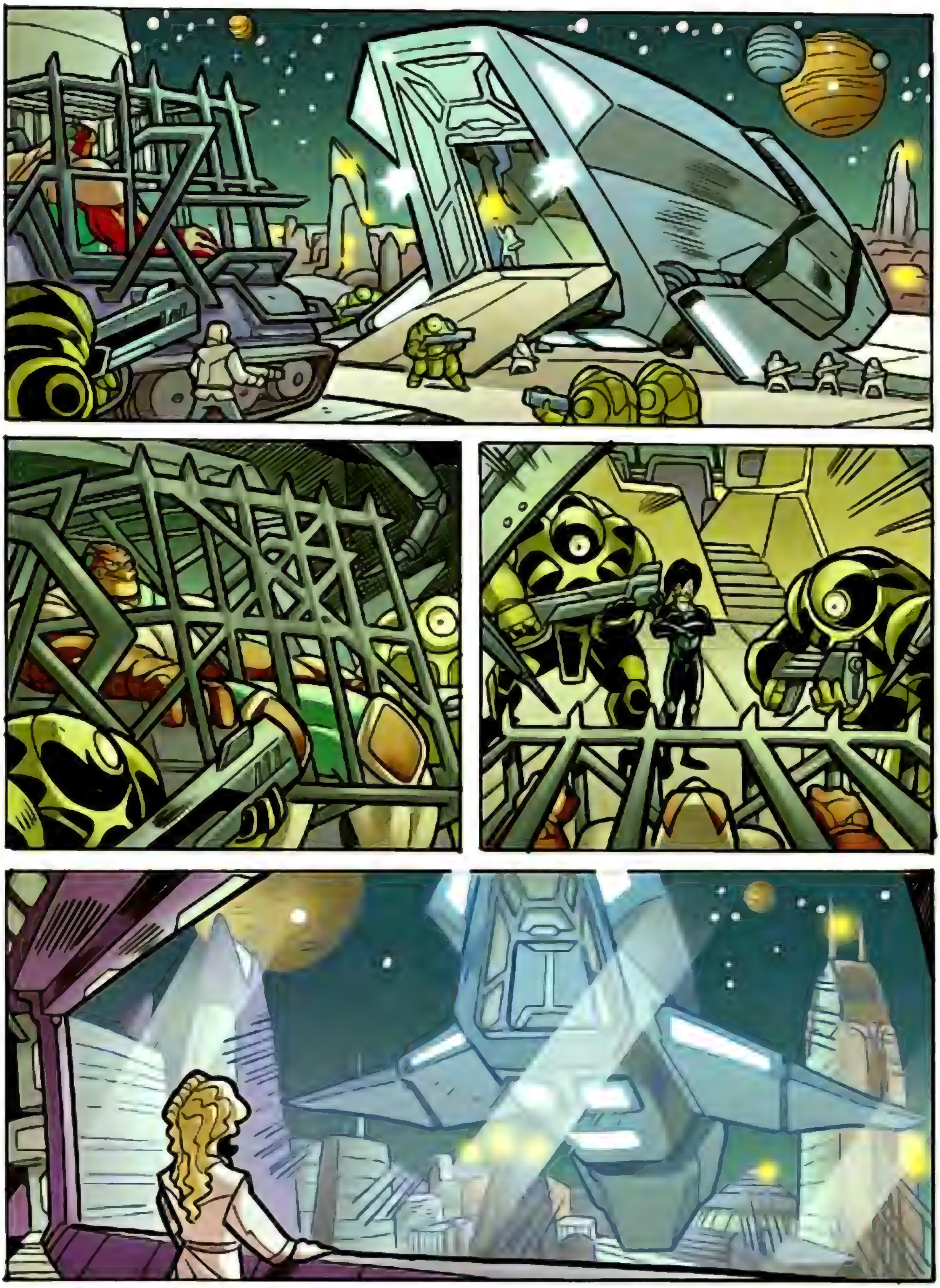

SO, THIS IS WHAT IS IN STORE FOR MOLDROCK!
THAT'S ENOUGH, CORBA! SLEEP DEEPLY, NOW... AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!
UHNNN...
I WILL TRY ONCE AGAIN TO SAVE WHAT IS LEFT OF MY FAMILY!
YOU'RE DONE ALREADY?
LET'S GET MOVING! WE HAVE TO **HELP** MOLDROCK BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

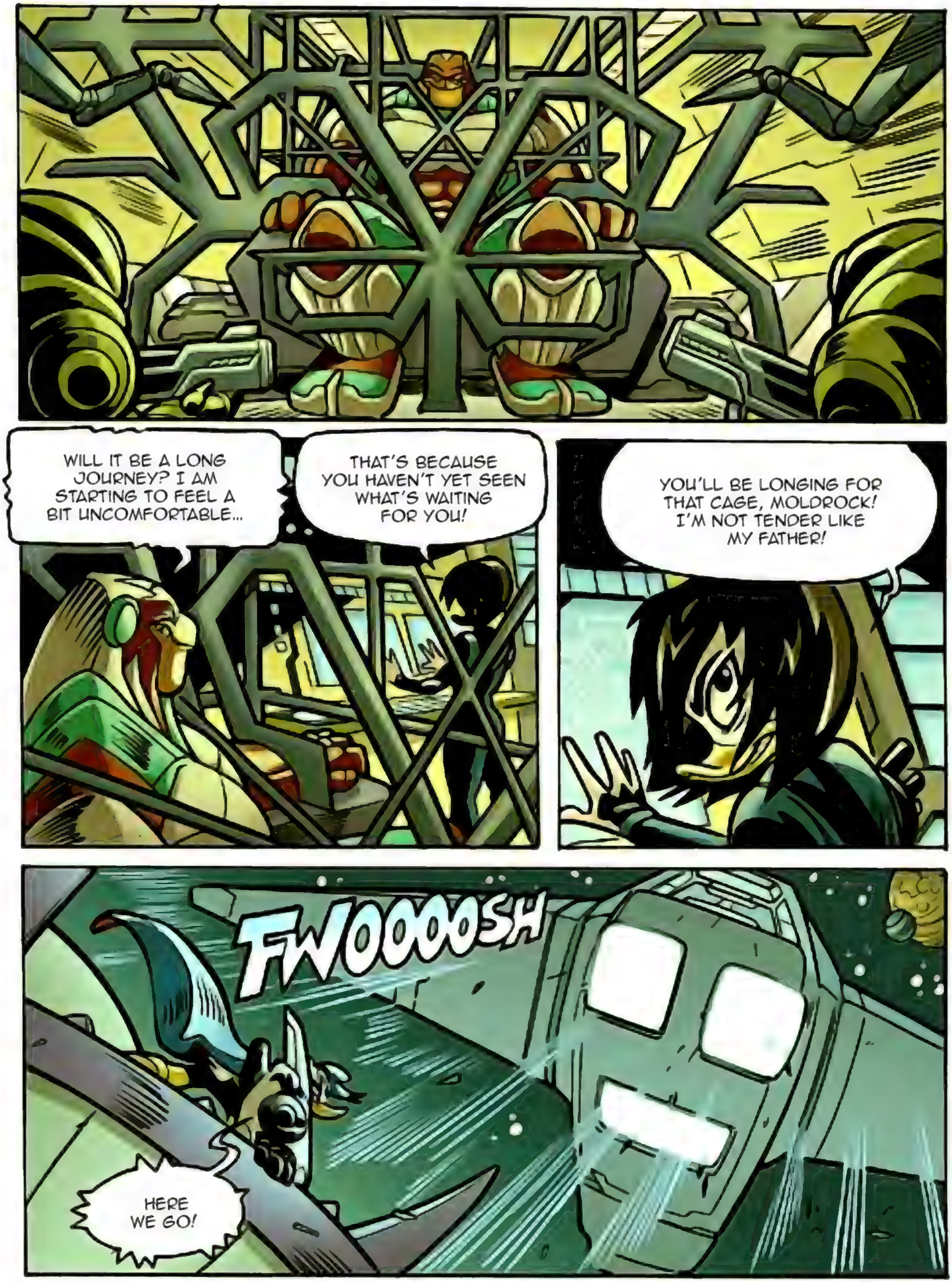

THE TOWER OF SCIENCE...
SKREEEOOOOW
KREEEEEEEE
THAT'S ENOUGH, KORINNA! PLEASE!
CONTINUE!
SKREEEEEEOW
KREEEEEEEE
TIME OF EXPOSURE?
SKREOOOW
SKREEEEEE
KREEEEEEEE
SIX MINUTES AND THIRTY SECONDS, DOCTOR DUCKLAIR! THE SUIT'S LEVELS ARE STABLE! SHIELDING SYSTEM AND VITAL SUPPORTS ARE NORMAL!

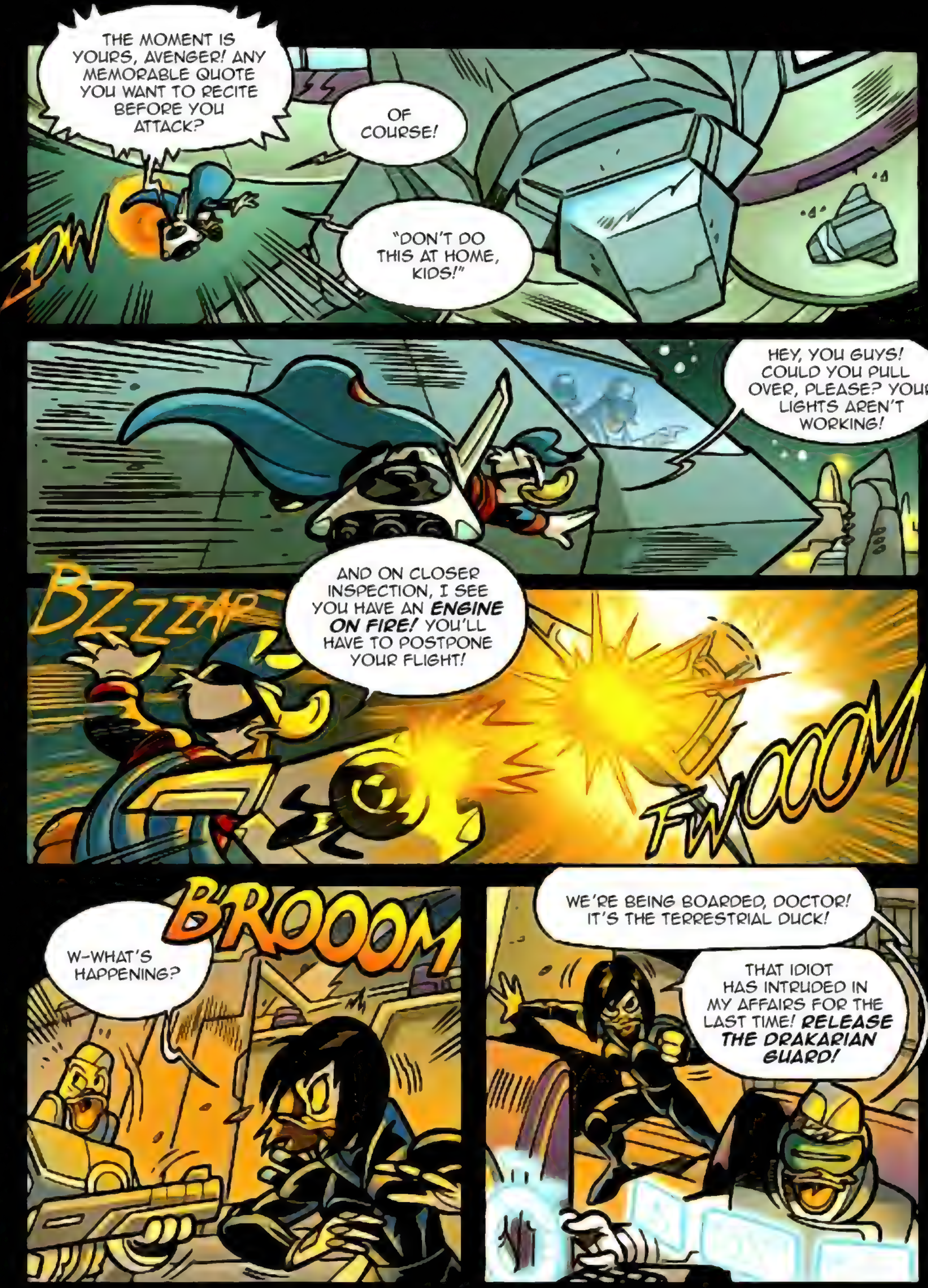

STOP THE TEST! **COUGH... COUGH...** WE CAN DEFINITELY CONSIDER THIS A ***SUCCESS!***
YOU'RE OVERDOING IT, KORINNA! I DO NOT APPROVE OF YOUR EXPERIMENTS!
IF I WANT TO BE THE FIRST PERSON TO SURPASS THE BARRIER TO THE MULTIVERSE, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND THE RADIATION OF DARK MATTER!
YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT ME, SISTER! I AM FINE AND EVERYTHING WILL GO SMOOTHLY, YOU'LL SEE!
I CAN'T HELP BUT BE ANXIOUS! SOMETIMES I WONDER IF THIS IS THE RIGHT CHOICE...
A QUEEN NEVER HAS DOUBTS! GETTING TO THIS POINT WASN'T EASY, YOU KNOW THAT! WE CAN'T STOP HERE AND NOW!
DO YOU TRUST ME, JUNIPER?
ALWAYS!
FOLLOW ME! I WANT TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING THAT WILL CLEAR AWAY YOUR FEARS!

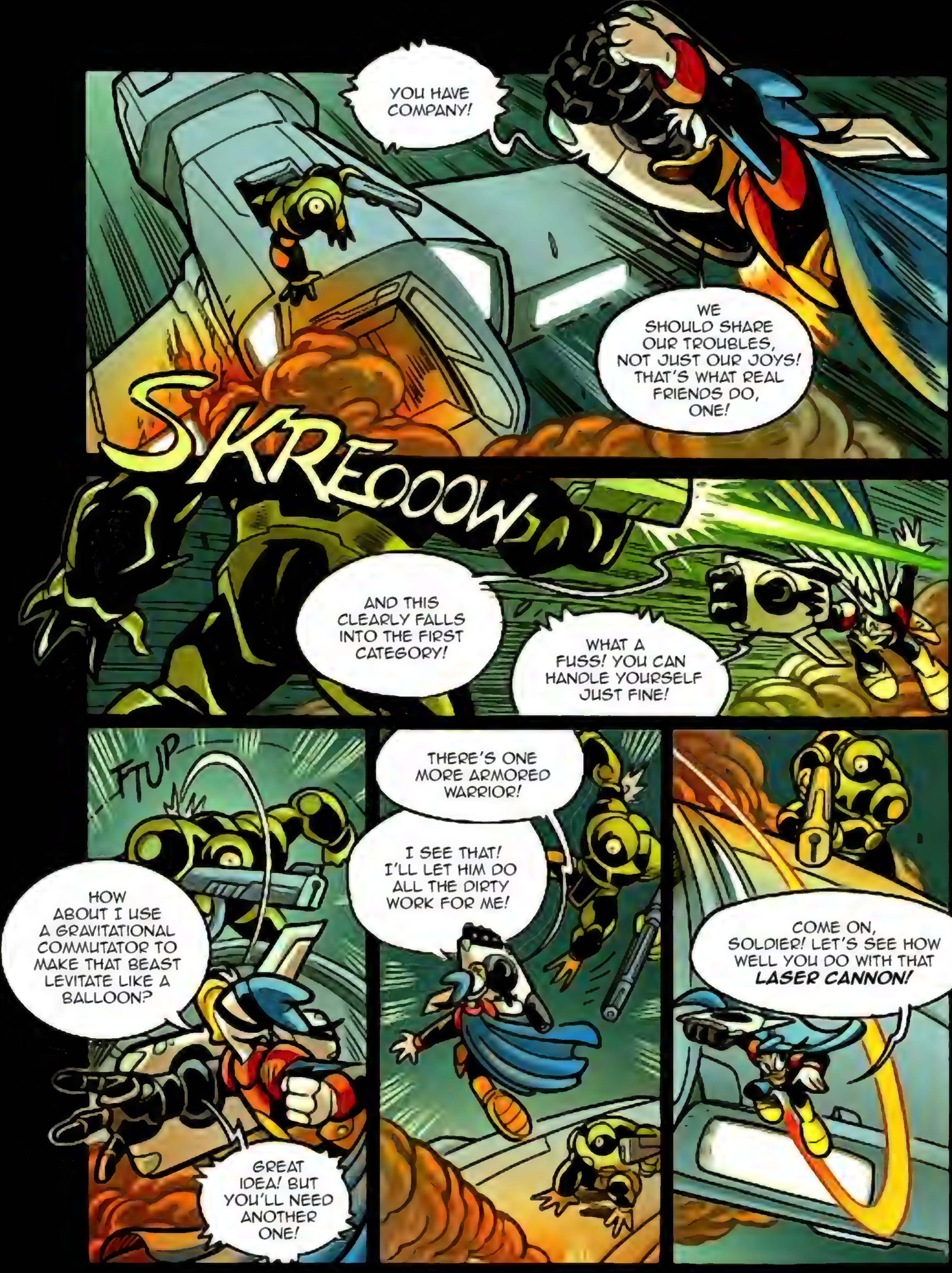

ULTIMA IS READY TO RECEIVE MOLDROCK! THE SPACE STATION IS ONLY WAITING FOR HIM, SO THAT IT CAN ACTIVATE AT FULL FORCE!
IS THAT CORRECT, FIRST OBSERVER? OUR SOVEREIGN IS EXPECTING GREAT RESULTS AND WE WON'T DISAPPOINT HER!
YOUR MAJESTY! I'M HONORED!
THE REACTION SYSTEMS HAVE BEEN TESTED! MOLDROCK WILL BE PLACED IN THE CENTRAL BLOCK!
THROUGH HIM, DARK MATTER WILL BECOME ENERGY IN A CONTINUOUS REGENERATION PROCESS!
MOLDROCK SCARES ME! CANT A MACHINE CARRY OUT THE SAME TASK?
WITH A GREATER MARGIN OF ERROR! MOLDROCK'S MUTATED NATURE WILL GUARANTEE PERFECT EQUILIBRIUM BETWEEN THE FORCES! THERE'S NO RISK, JUNIPER!
ANY ANOMALY WILL BE VERIFIED AND CORRECTED IN INFINITESIMAL TIME! HE WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF BY OUR NEW CONTROL UNIT!

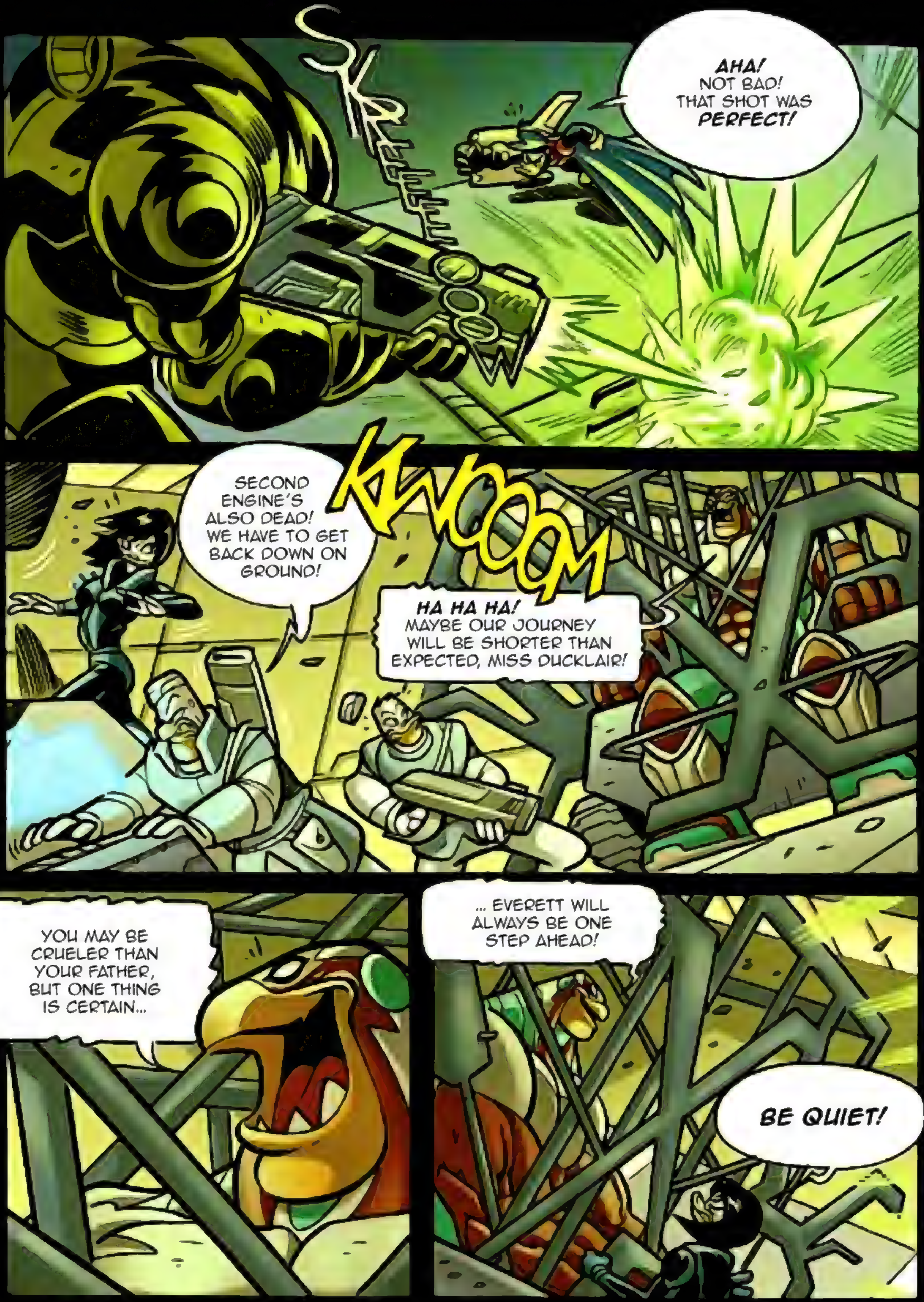

THE CLOTHES YOU WORE WERE TIGHT ON YOU, CUSTODIAN! I'M HAPPY TO SEE YOU IN YOUR TRUE FORM!
GOOD NIGHT, DOCTOR DUCKLAIR!
CHEER UP, JUNIPER! TOMORROW WILL BE THE FIRST DAY OF A NEW ERA!
"THE DAY WHEN AN EMPIRE IS BORN FROM THE RUINS OF THE PAST!"

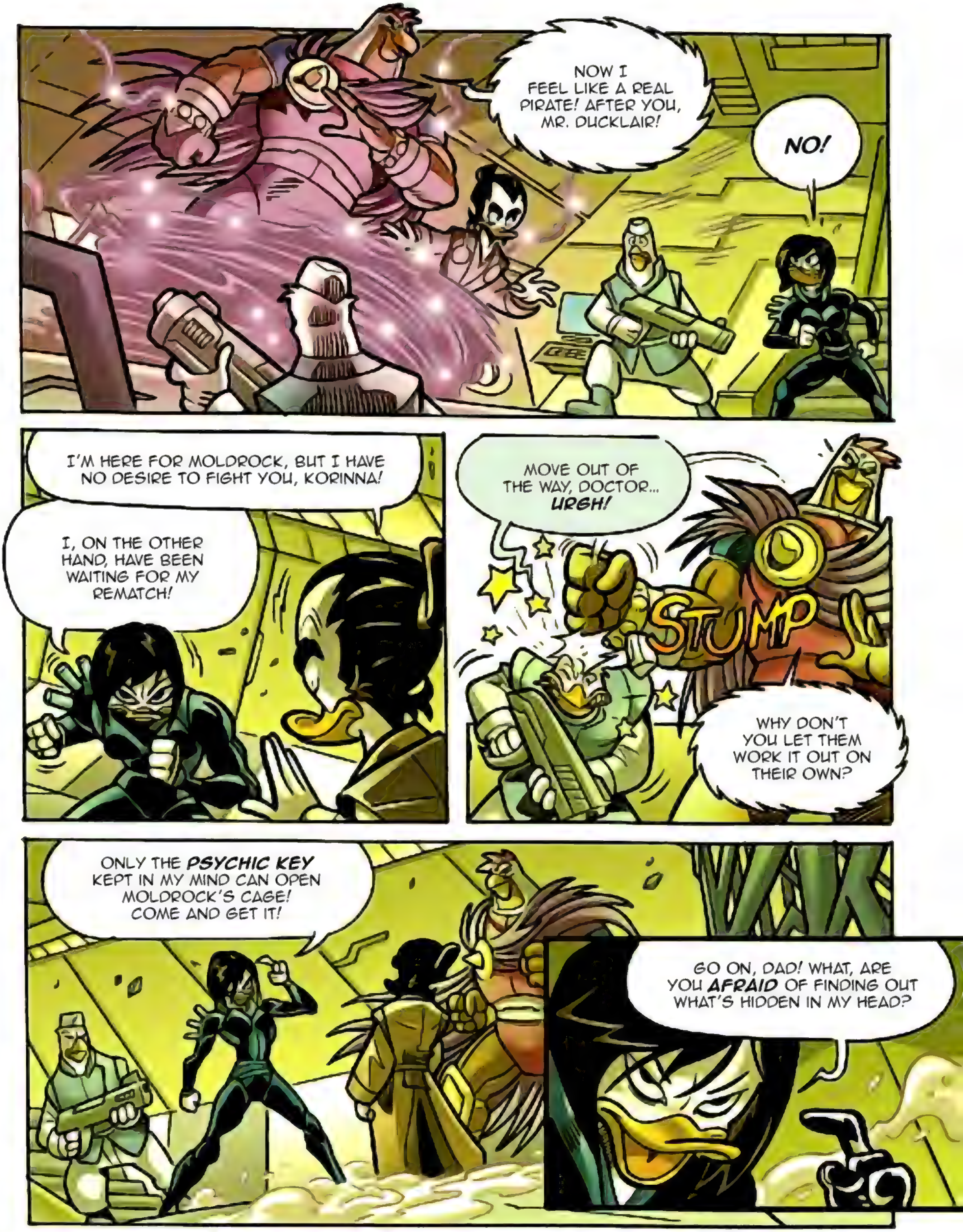


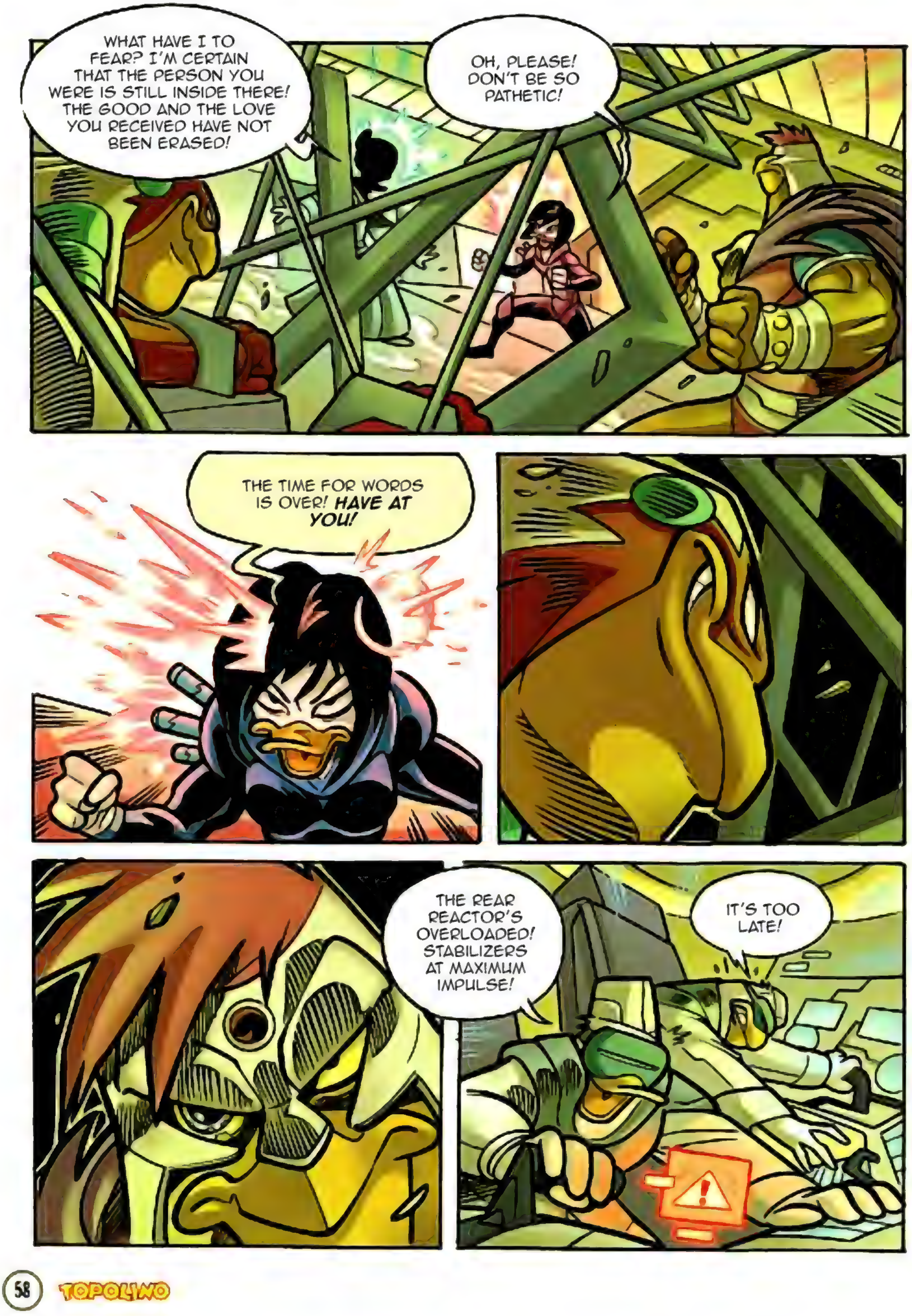

WILL IT BE A LONG JOURNEY? I AM STARTING TO FEEL A BIT UNCOMFORTABLE...
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU HAVEN'T YET SEEN WHAT'S WAITING FOR YOU!
YOU'LL BE LONGING FOR THAT CAGE, MOLDROCK! I'M NOT TENDER LIKE MY FATHER!
FWOOOOSH
HERE WE GO!

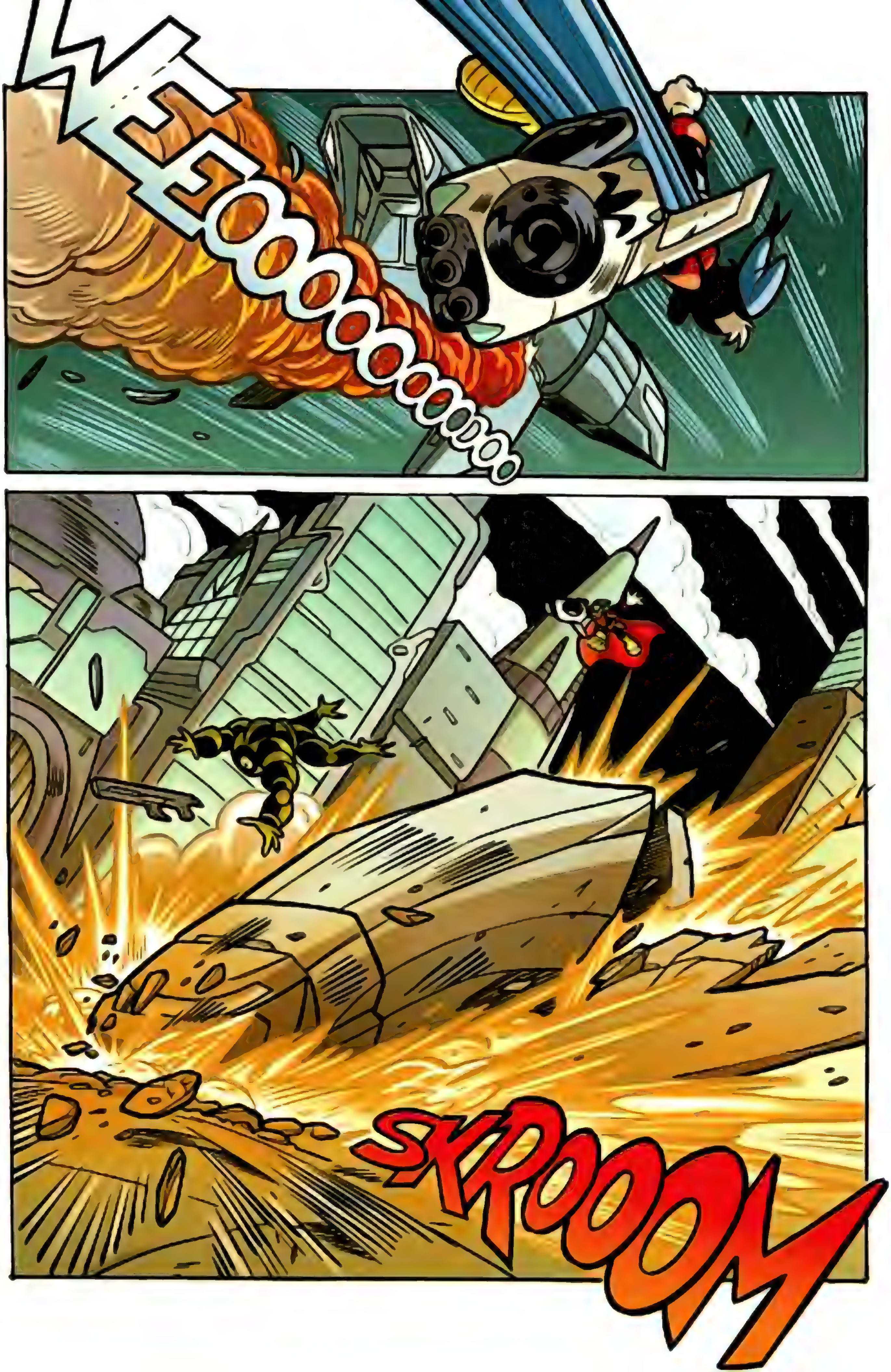

THE MOMENT IS YOURS, AVENGER! ANY MEMORABLE QUOTE YOU WANT TO RECITE BEFORE YOU ATTACK?
OF COURSE!
ZOOM
"DON'T DO THIS AT HOME, KIDS!"
HEY, YOU GUYS! COULD YOU PULL OVER, PLEASE? YOUR LIGHTS AREN'T WORKING!
BZZZAP
AND ON CLOSER INSPECTION, I SEE YOU HAVE AN ENGINE ON FIRE! YOU'LL HAVE TO POSTPONE YOUR FLIGHT!
FWOOOM
BROOOM
W-WHAT'S HAPPENING?
WE'RE BEING BOARDED, DOCTOR! IT'S THE TERRESTRIAL DUCK!
THAT IDIOT HAS INTRUDED IN MY AFFAIRS FOR THE LAST TIME! RELEASE THE DRAKARIAN GUARD!


YOU HAVE COMPANY!
WE SHOULD SHARE OUR TROUBLES, NOT JUST OUR JOYS! THAT'S WHAT REAL FRIENDS DO, ONE!
SKREOOOW
AND THIS CLEARLY FALLS INTO THE FIRST CATEGORY!
WHAT A FUSS! YOU CAN HANDLE YOURSELF JUST FINE!
FTUP
HOW ABOUT I USE A GRAVITATIONAL COMMUTATOR TO MAKE THAT BEAST LEVITATE LIKE A BALLOON?
GREAT IDEA! BUT YOU'LL NEED ANOTHER ONE!
THERE'S ONE MORE ARMORED WARRIOR!
I SEE THAT! I'LL LET HIM DO ALL THE DIRTY WORK FOR ME!
COME ON, SOLDIER! LET'S SEE HOW WELL YOU DO WITH THAT ***LASER CANNON!***


SKREEEEEOOOOW
AHA! NOT BAD! THAT SHOT WAS PERFECT!
KAVOOOM
SECOND ENGINE'S ALSO DEAD! WE HAVE TO GET BACK DOWN ON GROUND!
HA HA HA! MAYBE OUR JOURNEY WILL BE SHORTER THAN EXPECTED, MISS DUCKLAIR!
YOU MAY BE CRUELER THAN YOUR FATHER, BUT ONE THING IS CERTAIN...
... EVERETT WILL ALWAYS BE ONE STEP AHEAD!
BE QUIET!


NOW I FEEL LIKE A REAL PIRATE! AFTER YOU, MR. DUCKLAIR!
NO!
I'M HERE FOR MOLDROCK, BUT I HAVE NO DESIRE TO FIGHT YOU, KORINNA!
I, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR MY REMATCH!
MOVE OUT OF THE WAY, DOCTOR... URGH!
STUMP
WHY DON'T YOU LET THEM WORK IT OUT ON THEIR OWN?
ONLY THE PSYCHIC KEY KEPT IN MY MIND CAN OPEN MOLDROCK'S CAGE! COME AND GET IT!
GO ON, DAD! WHAT, ARE YOU AFRAID OF FINDING OUT WHAT'S HIDDEN IN MY HEAD?


WHAT HAVE I TO FEAR? I'M CERTAIN THAT THE PERSON YOU WERE IS STILL INSIDE THERE! THE GOOD AND THE LOVE YOU RECEIVED HAVE NOT BEEN ERASED!
OH, PLEASE! DON'T BE SO PATHETIC!
THE TIME FOR WORDS IS OVER! **HAVE AT YOU!**
THE REAR REACTOR'S OVERLOADED! STABILIZERS AT MAXIMUM IMPULSE!
IT'S TOO LATE!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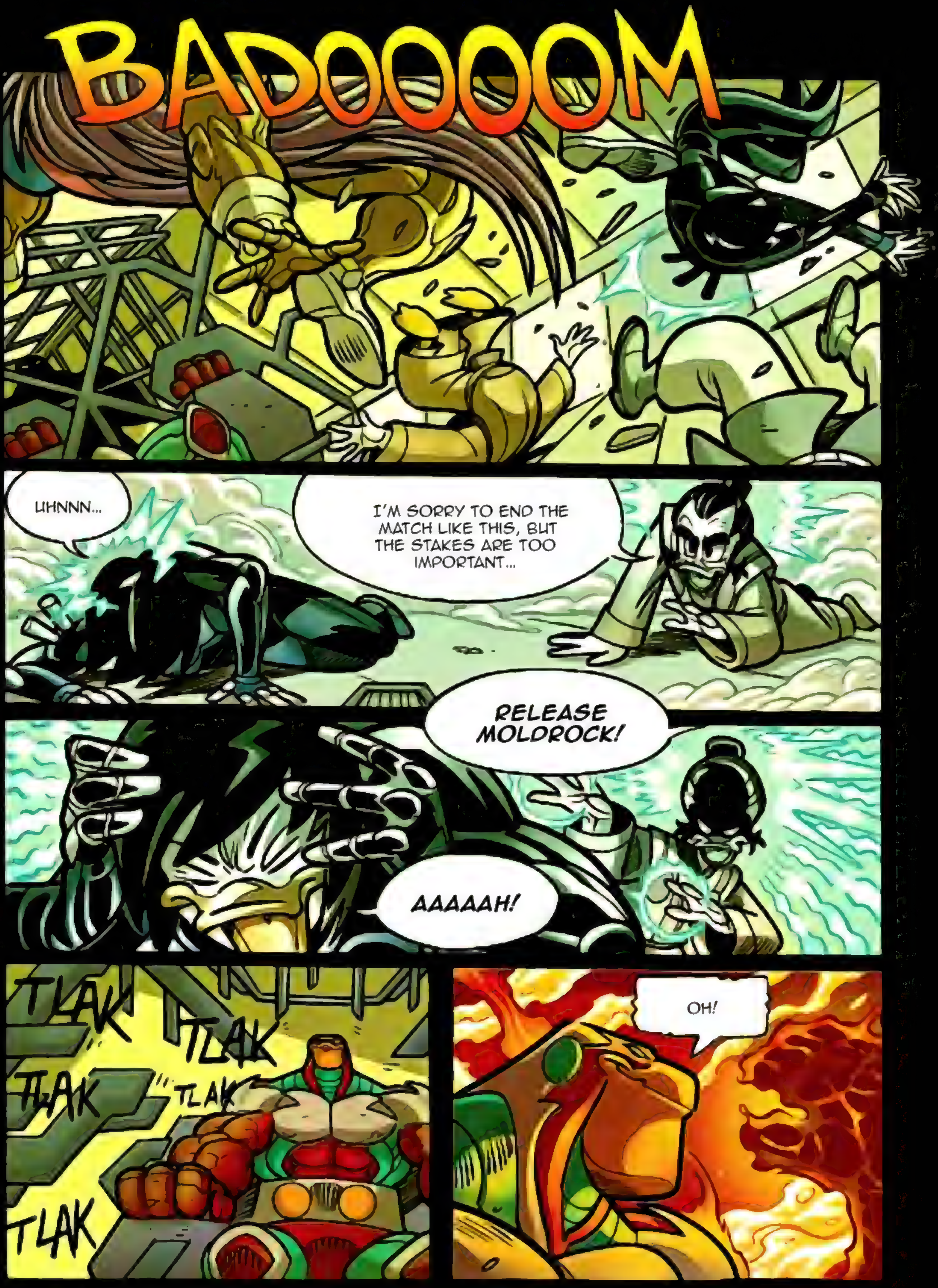
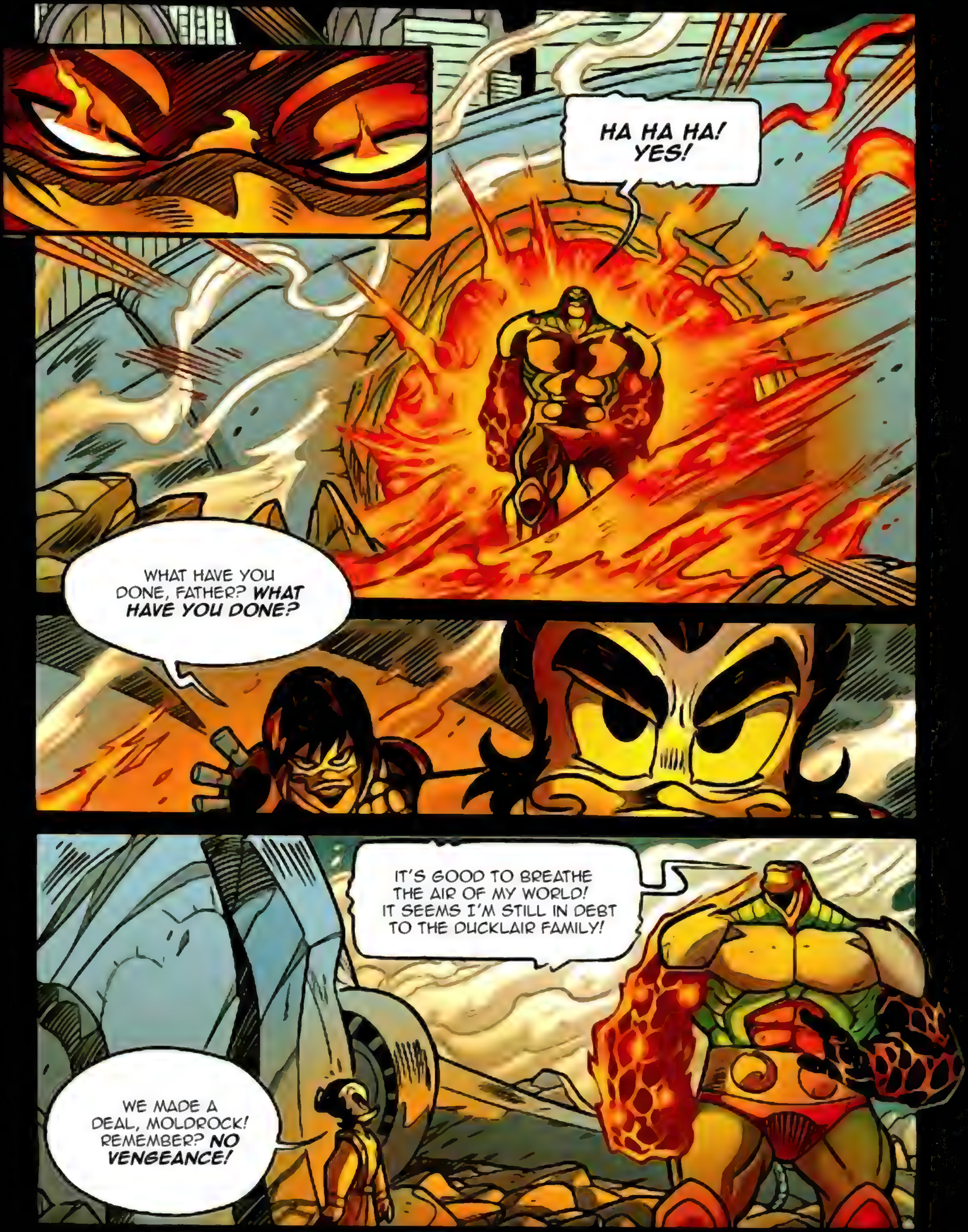
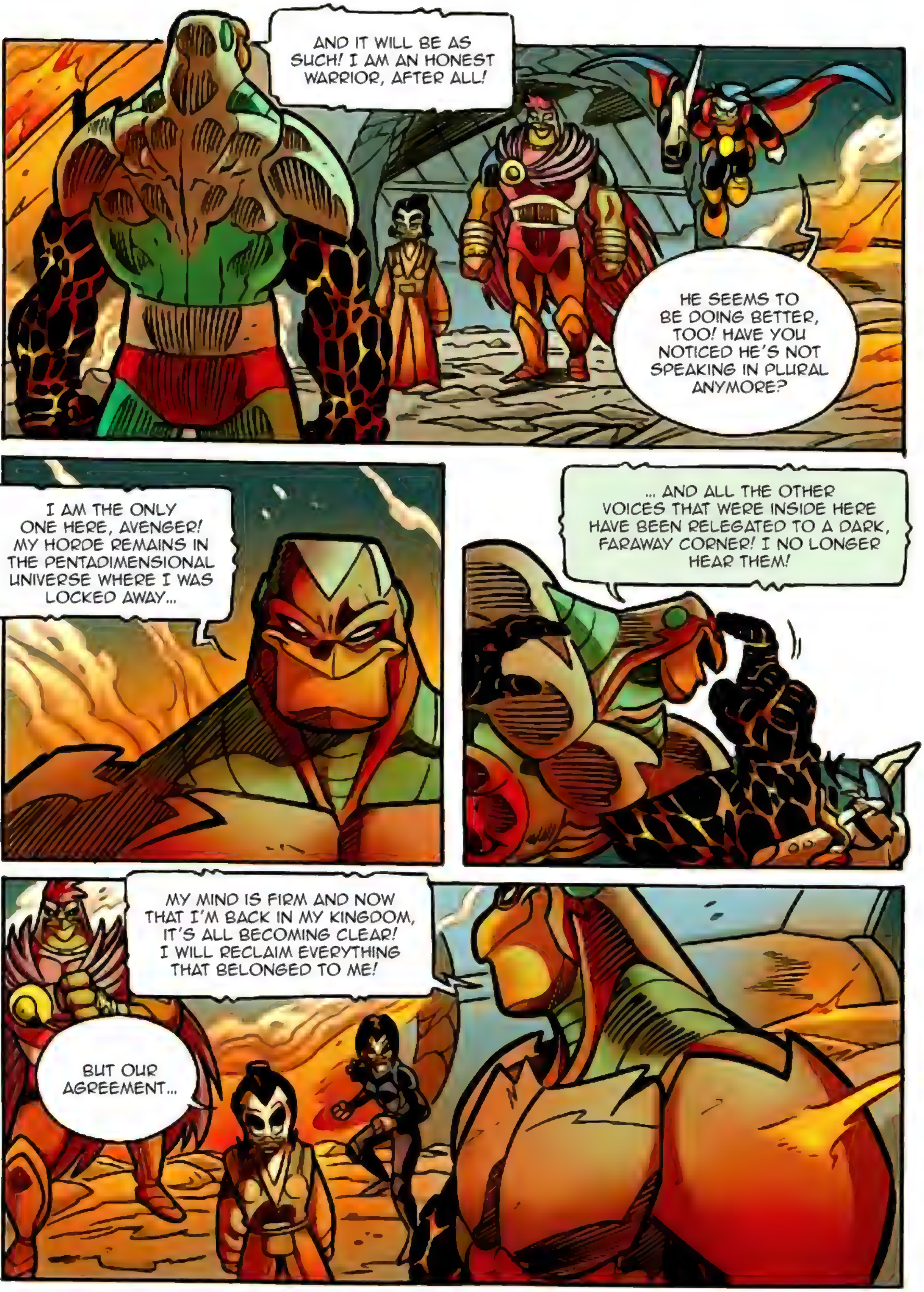
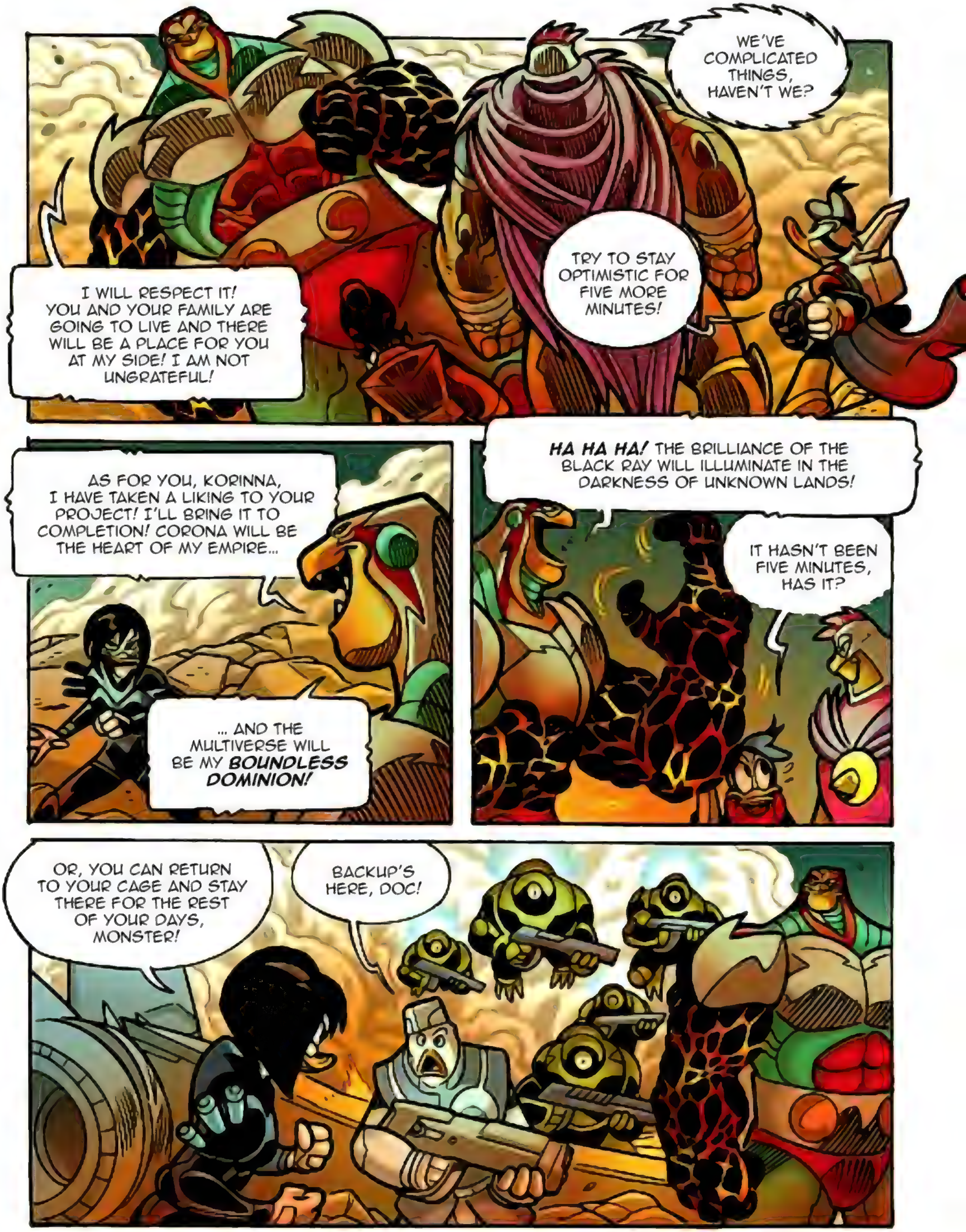
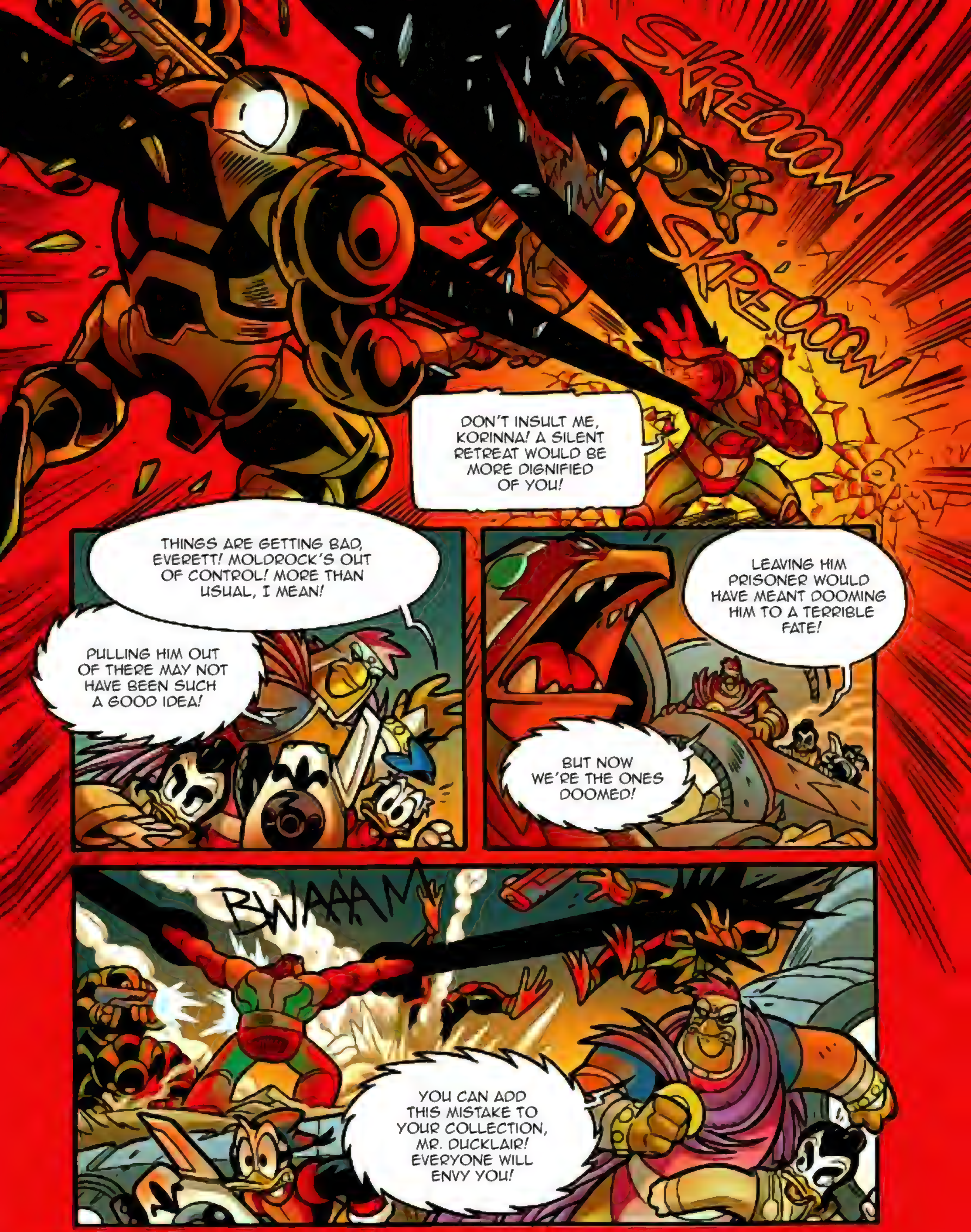
SKROOOOM

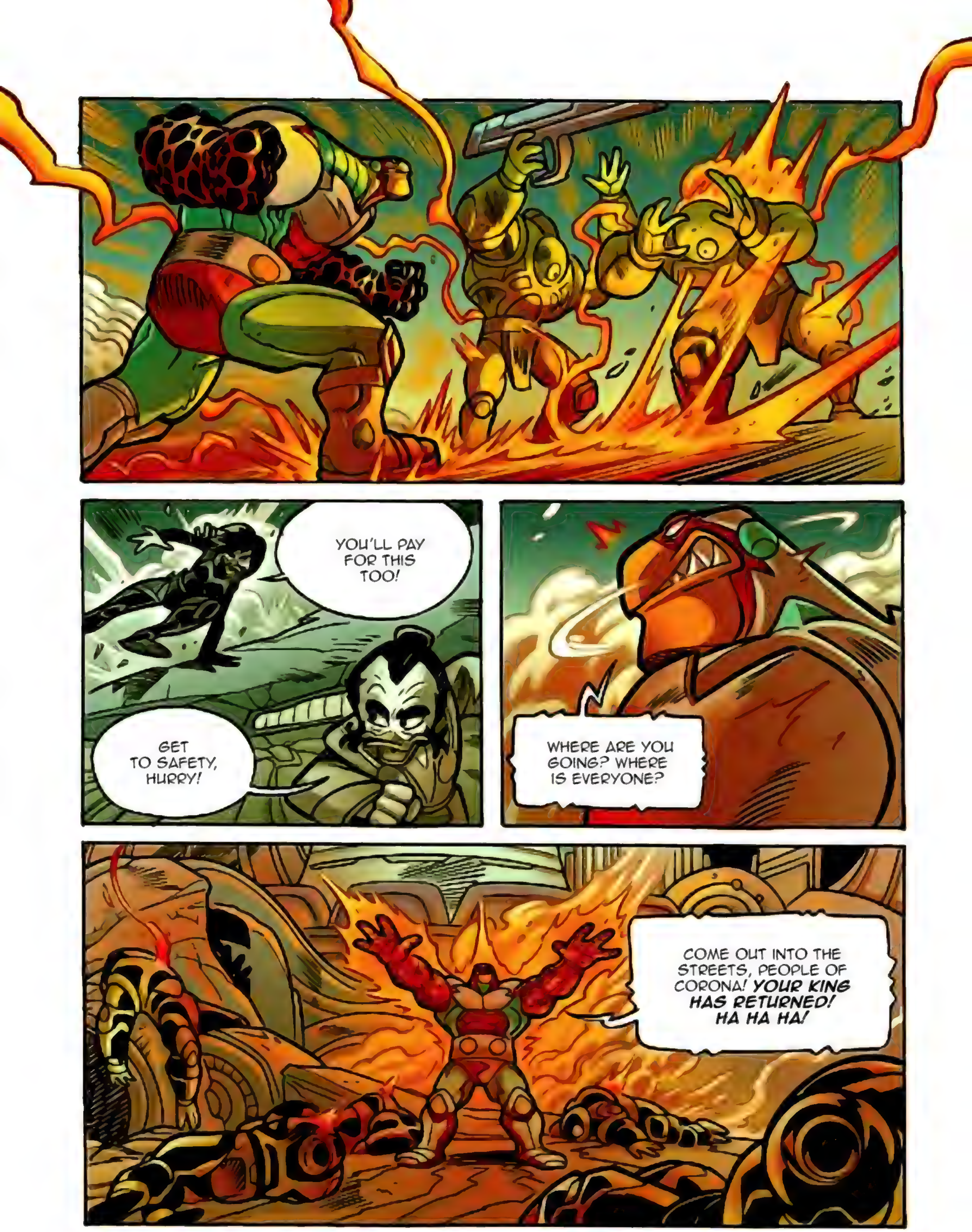

BADOOOOM
UHNNN...
I'M SORRY TO END THE MATCH LIKE THIS, BUT THE STAKES ARE TOO IMPORTANT...
RELEASE MOLDROCK!
AAAAAH!
TLAK
TLAK
TLAK
TLAK
TLAK
OH!

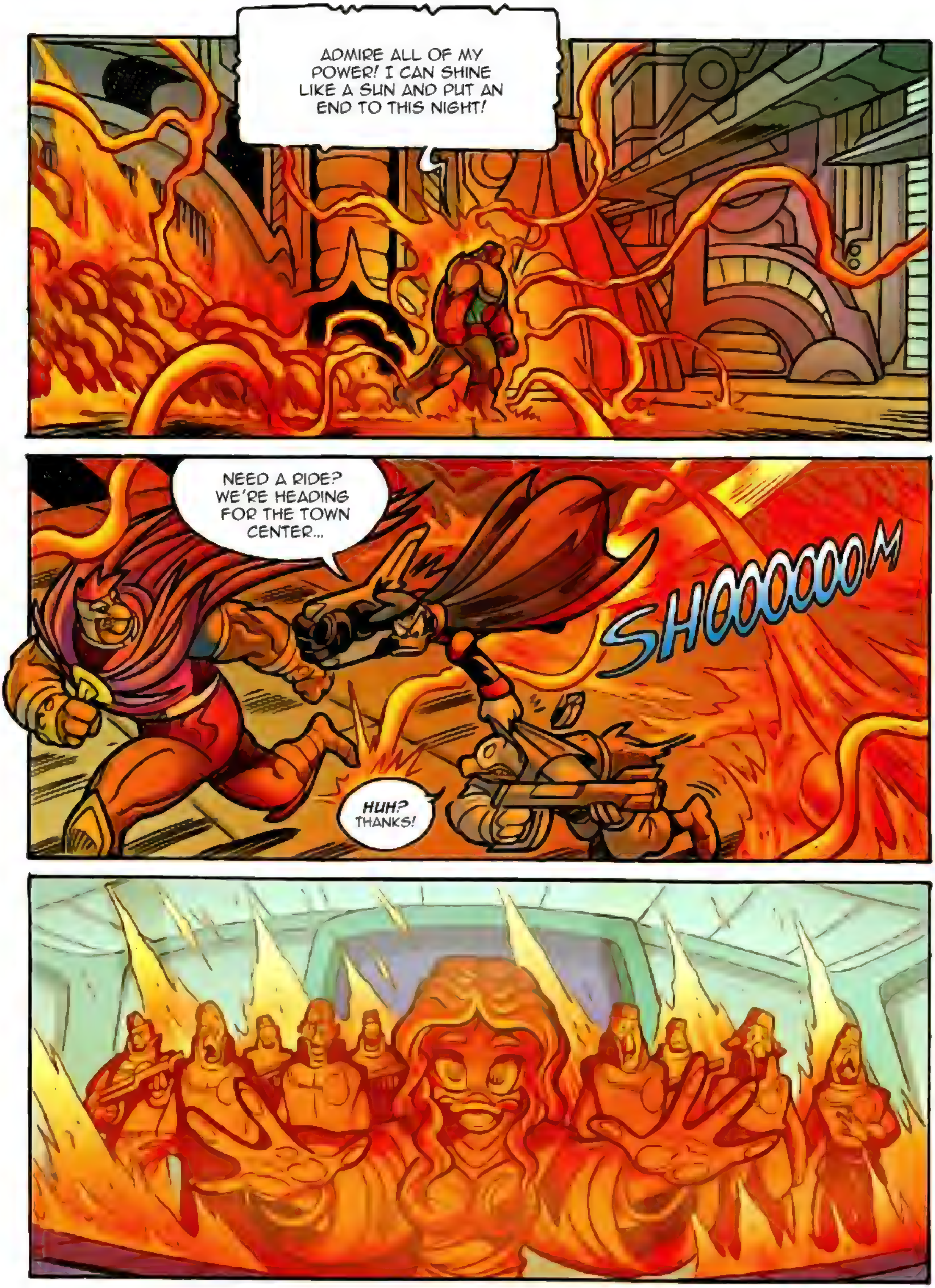

HA HA HA! YES!
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE, FATHER? WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?
IT'S GOOD TO BREATHE THE AIR OF MY WORLD! IT SEEMS I'M STILL IN DEBT TO THE DUCKLAIR FAMILY!
WE MADE A DEAL, MOLDROCK! REMEMBER? NO VENGEANCE!

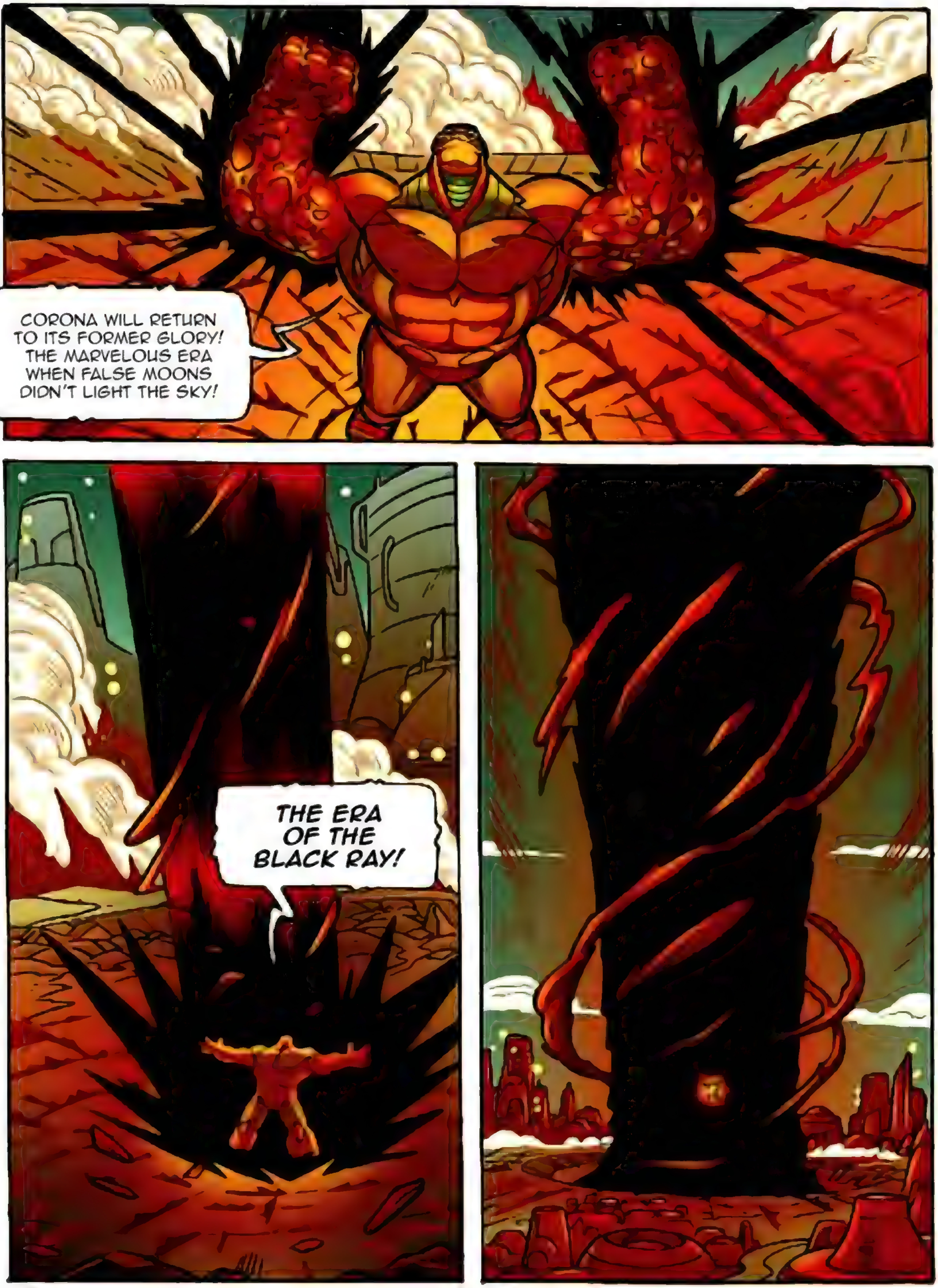

AND IT WILL BE AS SUCH! I AM AN HONEST WARRIOR, AFTER ALL!
HE SEEMS TO BE DOING BETTER, TOO! HAVE YOU NOTICED HE'S NOT SPEAKING IN PLURAL ANYMORE?
I AM THE ONLY ONE HERE, AVENGER! MY HORDE REMAINS IN THE PENTADIMENSIONAL UNIVERSE WHERE I WAS LOCKED AWAY...
... AND ALL THE OTHER VOICES THAT WERE INSIDE HERE HAVE BEEN RELEGATED TO A DARK, FARAWAY CORNER! I NO LONGER HEAR THEM!
MY MIND IS FIRM AND NOW THAT I'M BACK IN MY KINGDOM, IT'S ALL BECOMING CLEAR! I WILL RECLAIM EVERYTHING THAT BELONGED TO ME!
BUT OUR AGREEMENT...

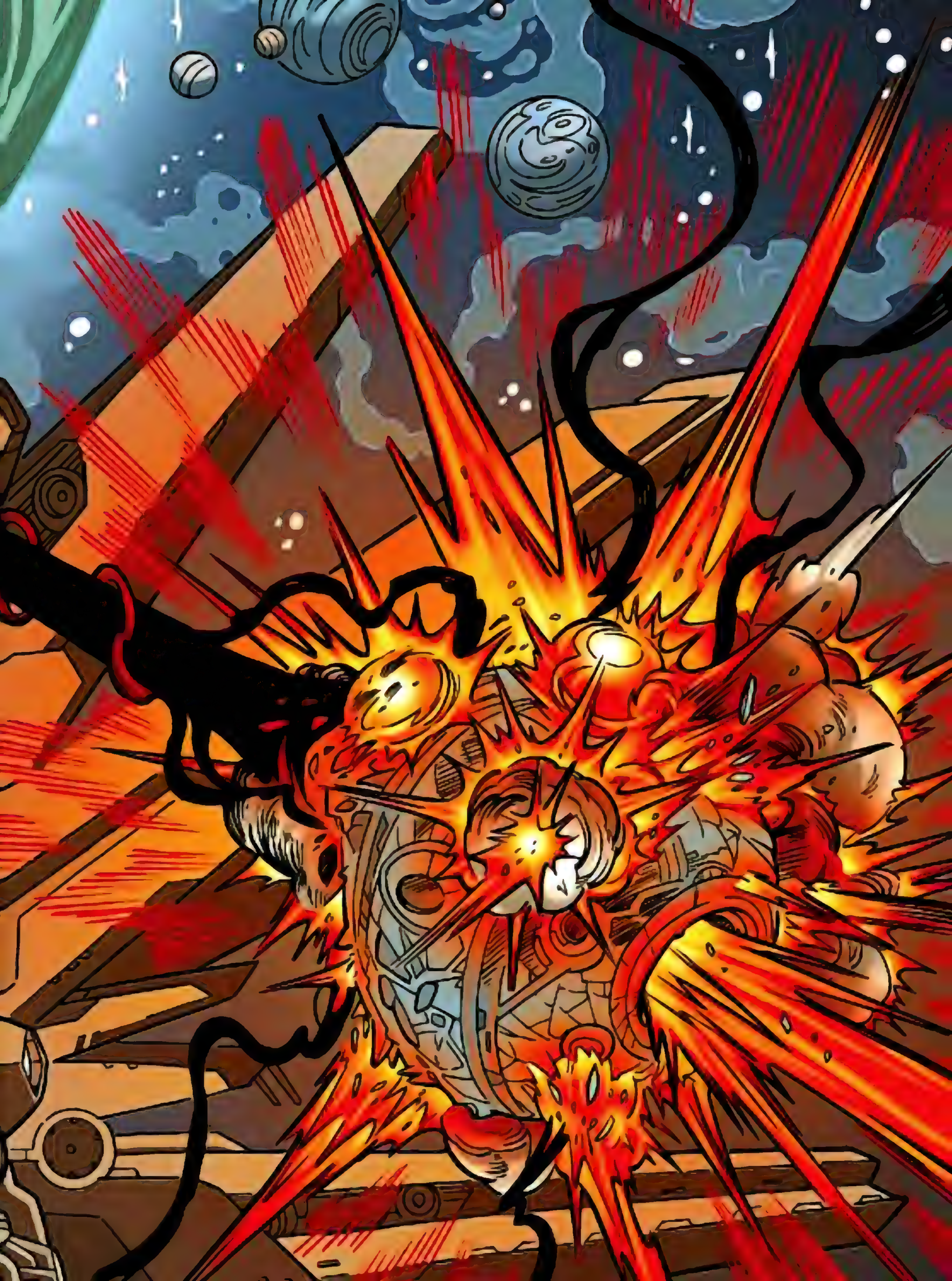

I WILL RESPECT IT! YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE GOING TO LIVE AND THERE WILL BE A PLACE FOR YOU AT MY SIDE! I AM NOT UNGRATEFUL!
WE'VE COMPLICATED THINGS, HAVEN'T WE?
TRY TO STAY OPTIMISTIC FOR FIVE MORE MINUTES!
AS FOR YOU, KORINNA, I HAVE TAKEN A LIKING TO YOUR PROJECT! I'LL BRING IT TO COMPLETION! CORONA WILL BE THE HEART OF MY EMPIRE...
... AND THE MULTIVERSE WILL BE MY **BOUNDLESS DOMINION!**
HA HA HA! THE BRILLIANCE OF THE BLACK RAY WILL ILLUMINATE IN THE DARKNESS OF UNKNOWN LANDS!
IT HASN'T BEEN FIVE MINUTES, HAS IT?
OR, YOU CAN RETURN TO YOUR CAGE AND STAY THERE FOR THE REST OF YOUR DAYS, MONSTER!
BACKUP'S HERE, DOC!

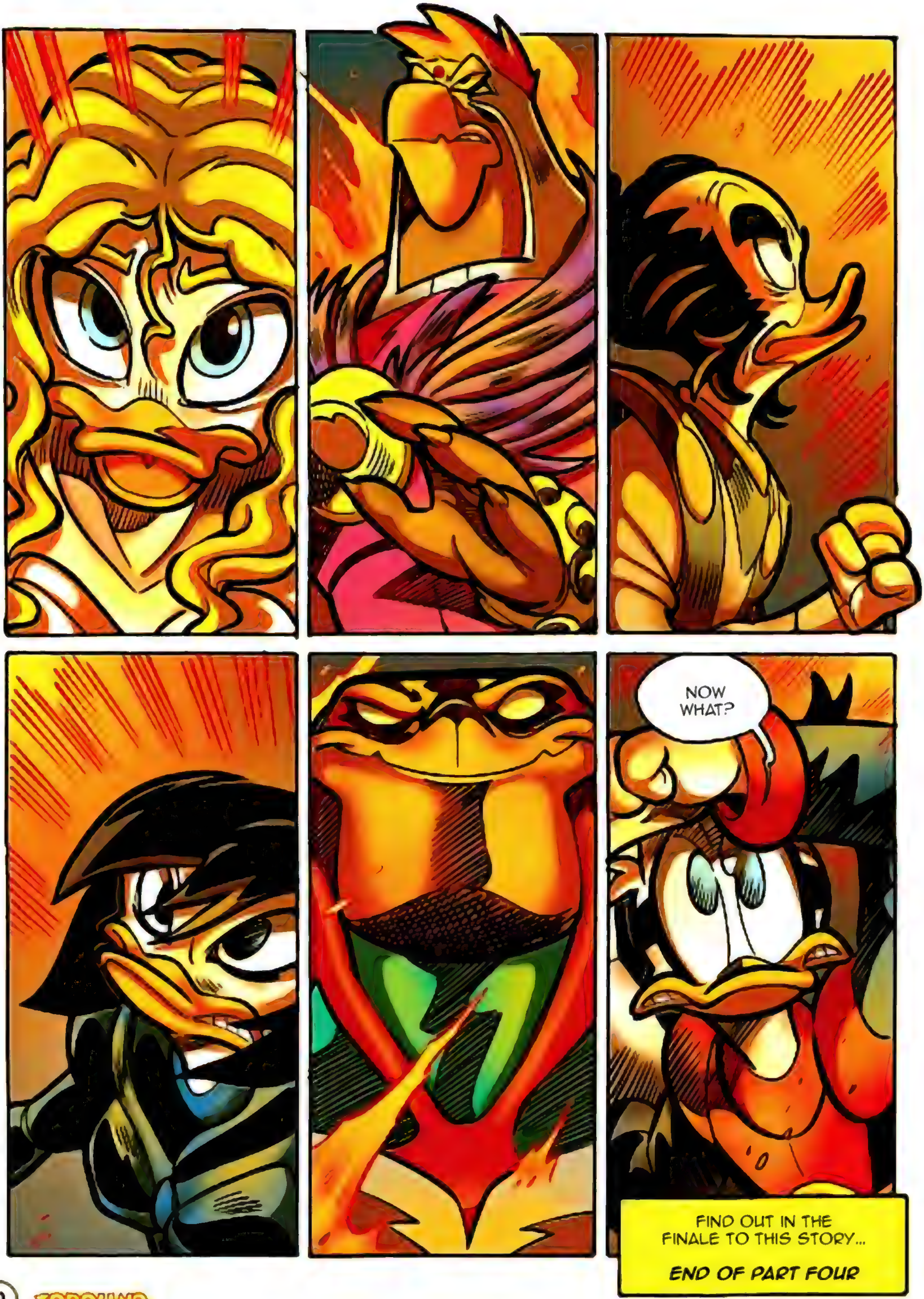

SKREOOOW
SKREOOOW
DON'T INSULT ME, KORINNA! A SILENT RETREAT WOULD BE MORE DIGNIFIED OF YOU!
THINGS ARE GETTING BAD, EVERETT! MOLDROCK'S OUT OF CONTROL! MORE THAN USUAL, I MEAN!
PULLING HIM OUT OF THERE MAY NOT HAVE BEEN SUCH A GOOD IDEA!
LEAVING HIM PRISONER WOULD HAVE MEANT DOOMING HIM TO A TERRIBLE FATE!
BUT NOW WE'RE THE ONES DOOMED!
BWAAAM
YOU CAN ADD THIS MISTAKE TO YOUR COLLECTION, MR. DUCKLAIR! EVERYONE WILL ENVY YOU!

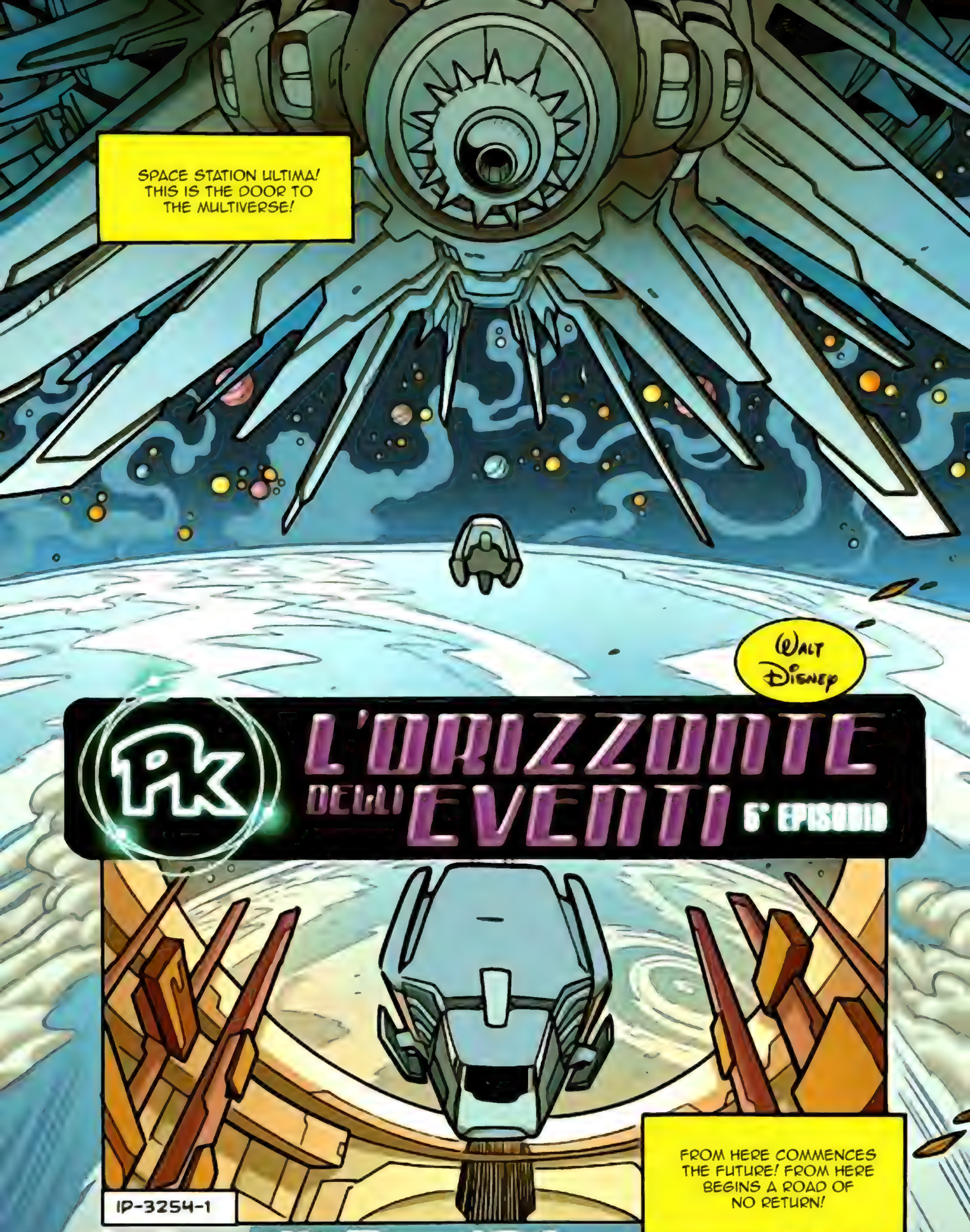

YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS TOO!
GET TO SAFETY, HURRY!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING? WHERE IS EVERYONE?
COME OUT INTO THE STREETS, PEOPLE OF CORONA! ***YOUR KING HAS RETURNED! HA HA HA!***


ADMIRE ALL OF MY POWER! I CAN SHINE LIKE A SUN AND PUT AN END TO THIS NIGHT!
NEED A RIDE? WE'RE HEADING FOR THE TOWN CENTER...
SHOOOOOOOM
HUH? THANKS!


CORONA WILL RETURN TO ITS FORMER GLORY! THE MARVELOUS ERA WHEN FALSE MOONS DIDN'T LIGHT THE SKY!
THE ERA OF THE BLACK RAY!




NOW WHAT?
FIND OUT IN THE FINALE TO THIS STORY...
END OF PART FOUR


SPACE STATION ULTIMA! THIS IS THE DOOR TO THE MULTIVERSE!
Walt Disney
FROM HERE COMMENCES THE FUTURE! FROM HERE BEGINS A ROAD OF NO RETURN!
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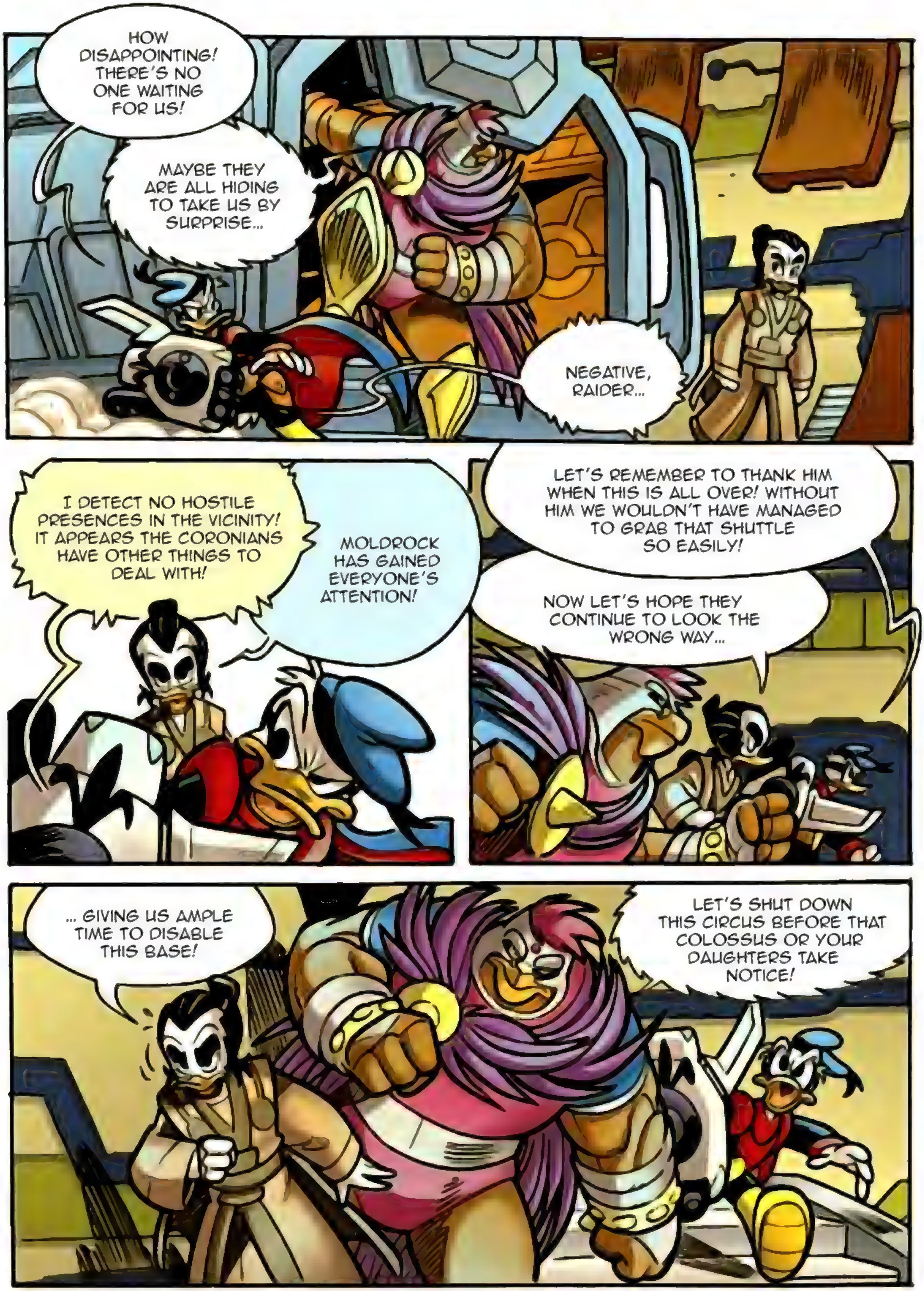
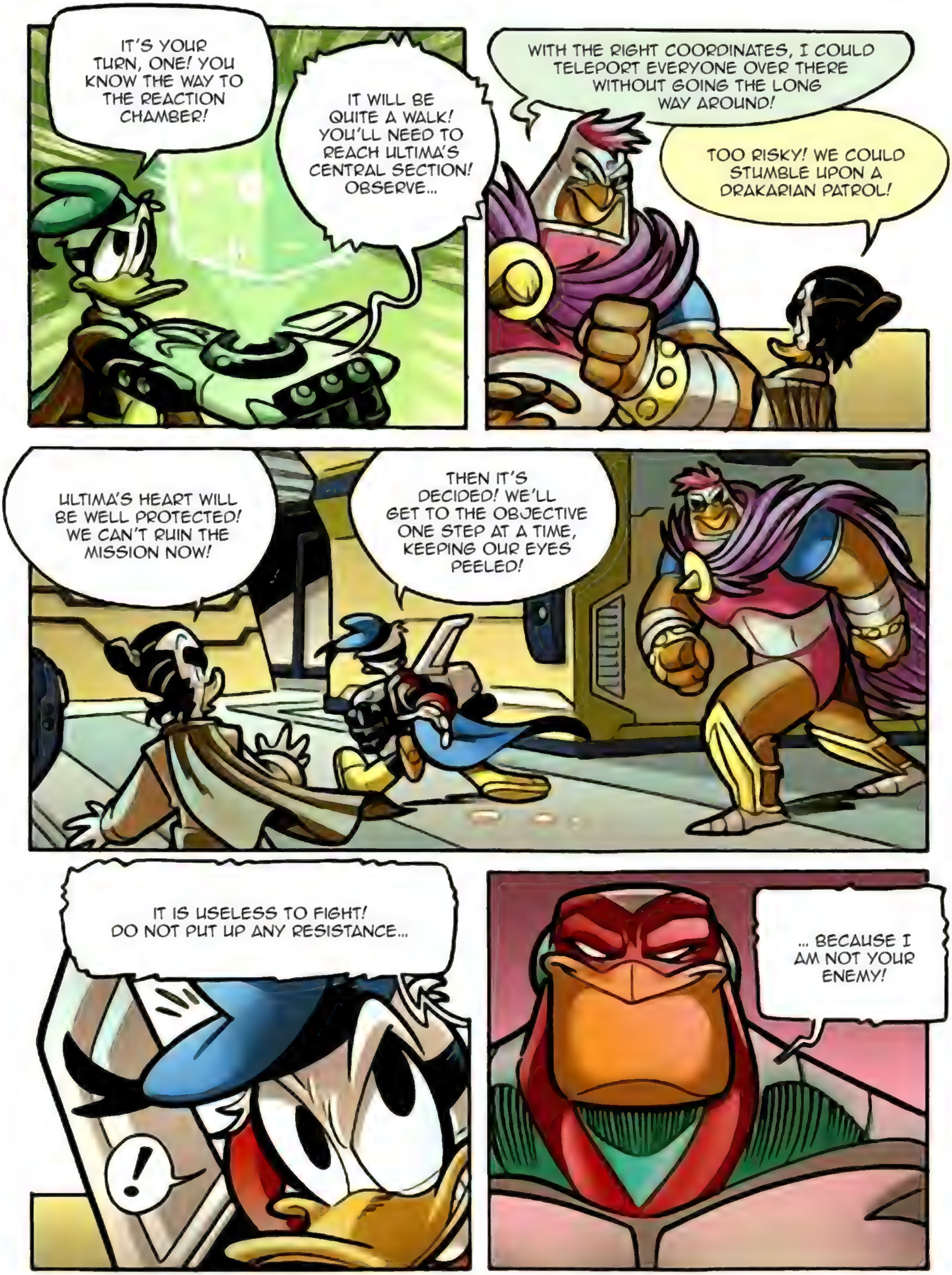
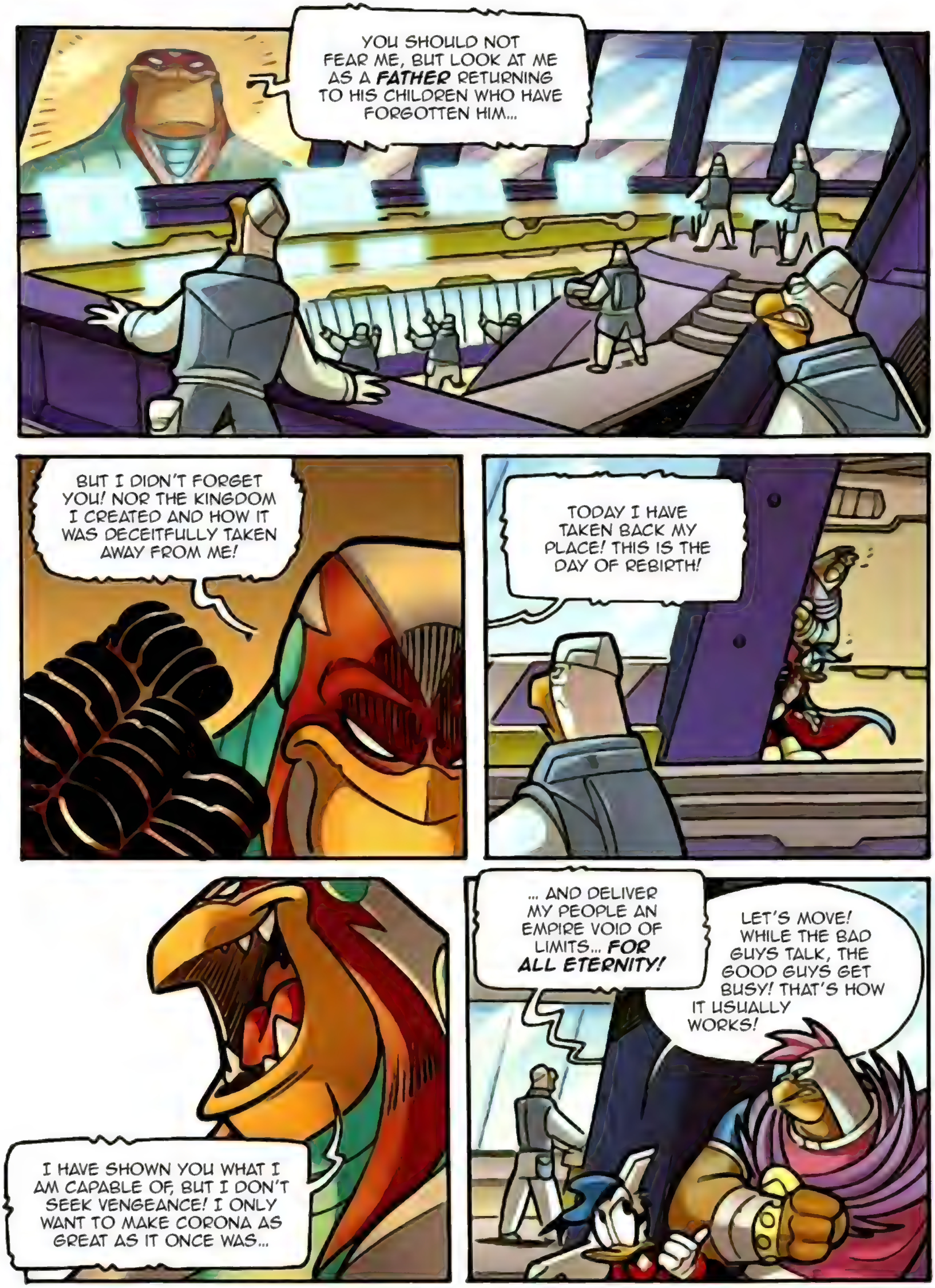
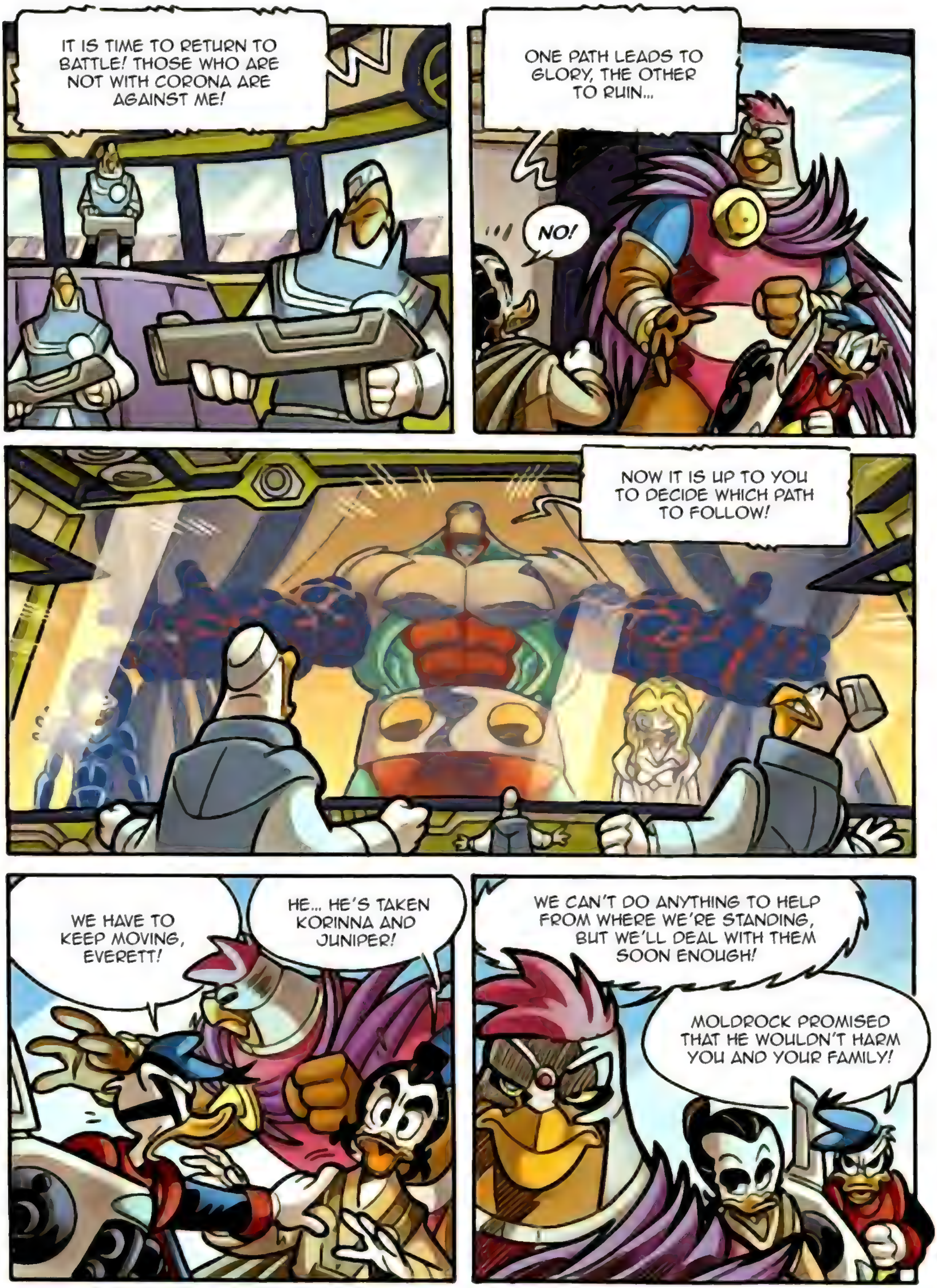
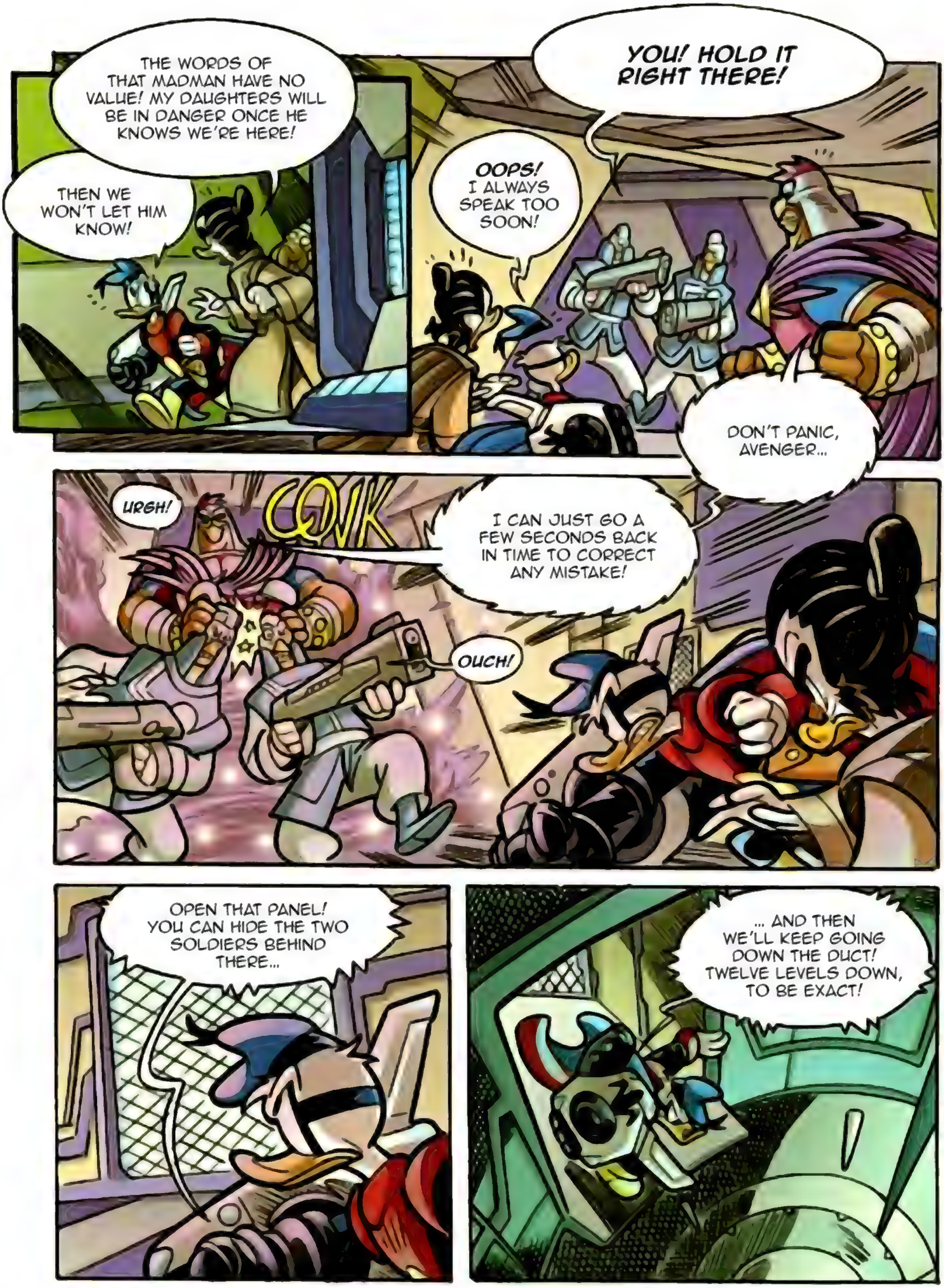
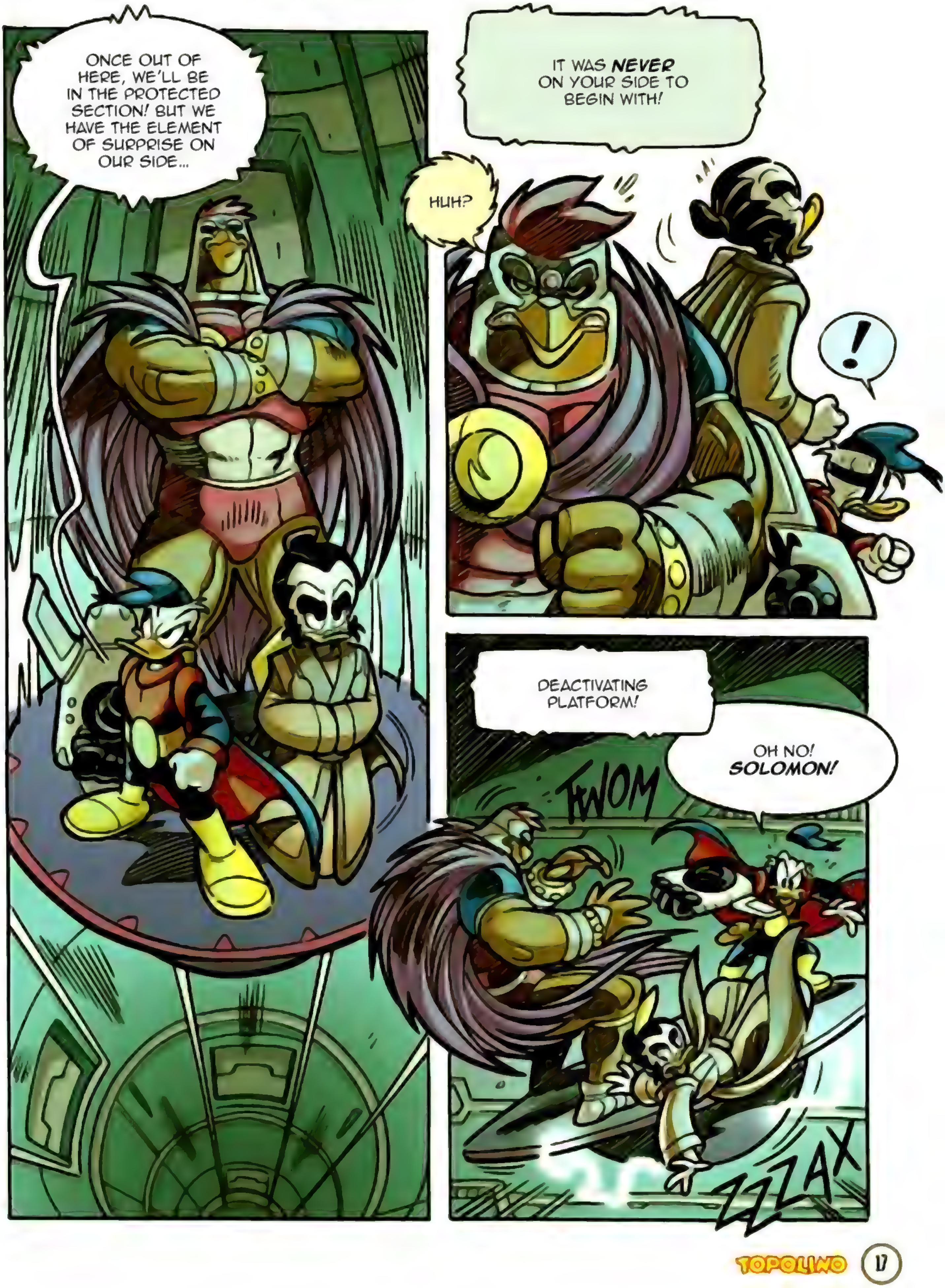

HOW DISAPPOINTING! THERE'S NO ONE WAITING FOR US!
MAYBE THEY ARE ALL HIDING TO TAKE US BY SURPRISE...
NEGATIVE, RAIDER...
I DETECT NO HOSTILE PRESENCES IN THE VICINITY! IT APPEARS THE CORONIANS HAVE OTHER THINGS TO DEAL WITH!
MOLDROCK HAS GAINED EVERYONE'S ATTENTION!
LET'S REMEMBER TO THANK HIM WHEN THIS IS ALL OVER! WITHOUT HIM WE WOULDN'T HAVE MANAGED TO GRAB THAT SHUTTLE SO EASILY!
NOW LET'S HOPE THEY CONTINUE TO LOOK THE WRONG WAY...
... GIVING US AMPLE TIME TO DISABLE THIS BASE!
LET'S SHUT DOWN THIS CIRCUS BEFORE THAT COLOSSUS OR YOUR DAUGHTERS TAKE NOTICE!

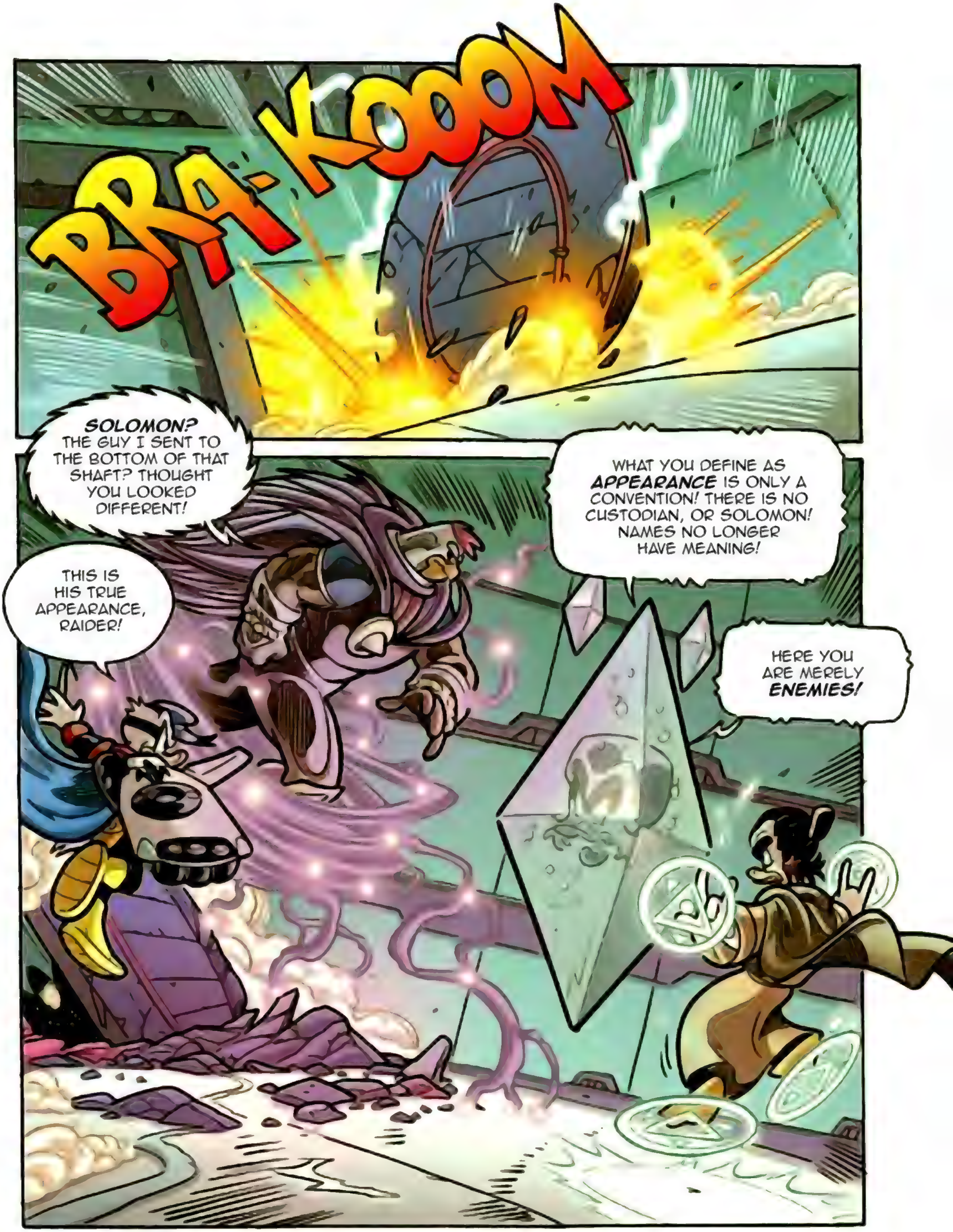

IT'S YOUR TURN, ONE! YOU KNOW THE WAY TO THE REACTION CHAMBER!
IT WILL BE QUITE A WALK! YOU'LL NEED TO REACH ULTIMA'S CENTRAL SECTION! OBSERVE...
WITH THE RIGHT COORDINATES, I COULD TELEPORT EVERYONE OVER THERE WITHOUT GOING THE LONG WAY AROUND!
TOO RISKY! WE COULD STUMBLE UPON A DRAKARIAN PATROL!
ULTIMA'S HEART WILL BE WELL PROTECTED! WE CAN'T RUIN THE MISSION NOW!
THEN IT'S DECIDED! WE'LL GET TO THE OBJECTIVE ONE STEP AT A TIME, KEEPING OUR EYES PEELED!
IT IS USELESS TO FIGHT! DO NOT PUT UP ANY RESISTANCE...
!
... BECAUSE I AM NOT YOUR ENEMY!

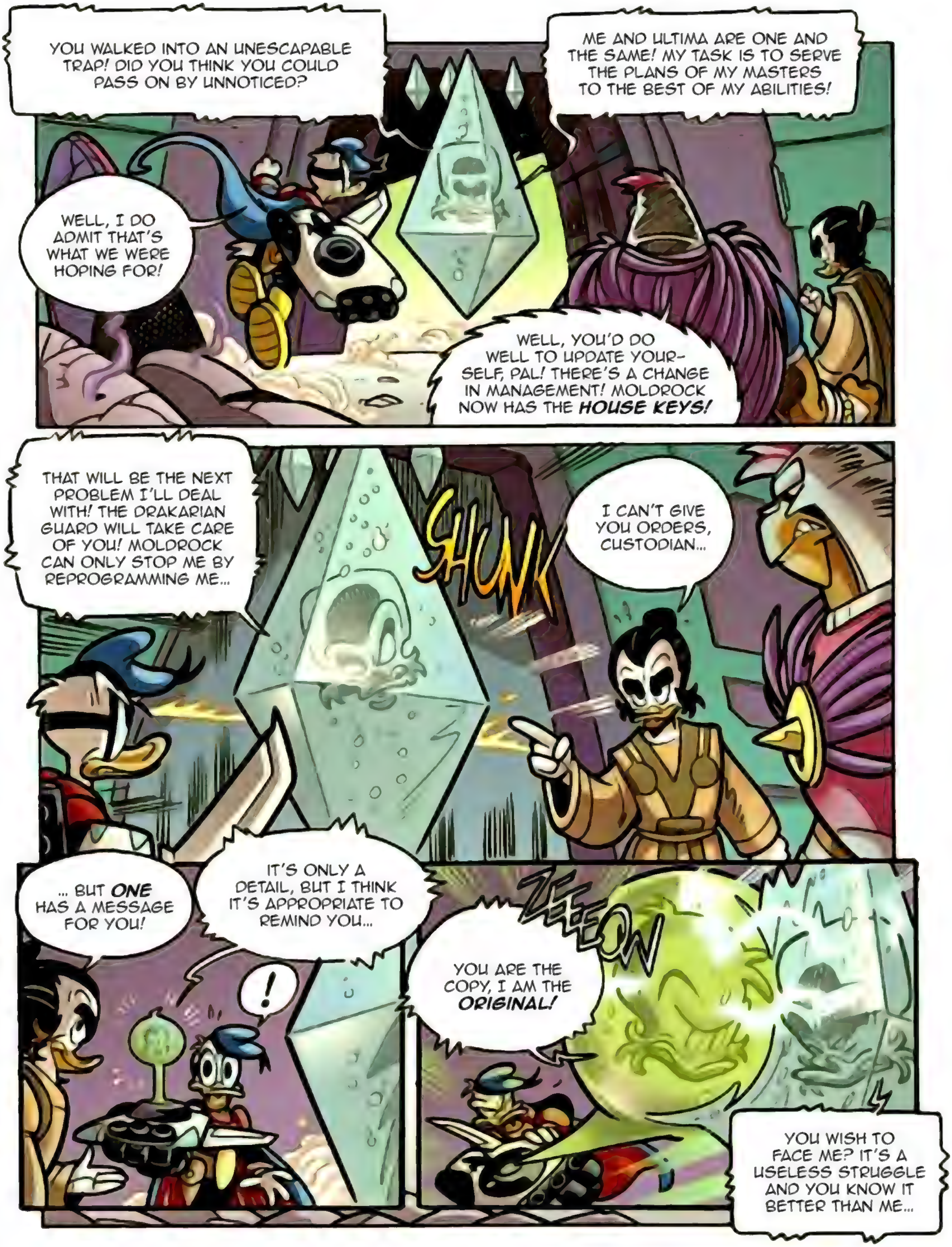

YOU SHOULD NOT FEAR ME, BUT LOOK AT ME AS A **FATHER** RETURNING TO HIS CHILDREN WHO HAVE FORGOTTEN HIM...
BUT I DIDN'T FORGET YOU! NOR THE KINGDOM I CREATED AND HOW IT WAS DECEITFULLY TAKEN AWAY FROM ME!
TODAY I HAVE TAKEN BACK MY PLACE! THIS IS THE DAY OF REBIRTH!
I HAVE SHOWN YOU WHAT I AM CAPABLE OF, BUT I DON'T SEEK VENGEANCE! I ONLY WANT TO MAKE CORONA AS GREAT AS IT ONCE WAS...
... AND DELIVER MY PEOPLE AN EMPIRE VOID OF LIMITS... **FOR ALL ETERNITY!**
LET'S MOVE! WHILE THE BAD GUYS TALK, THE GOOD GUYS GET BUSY! THAT'S HOW IT USUALLY WORKS!

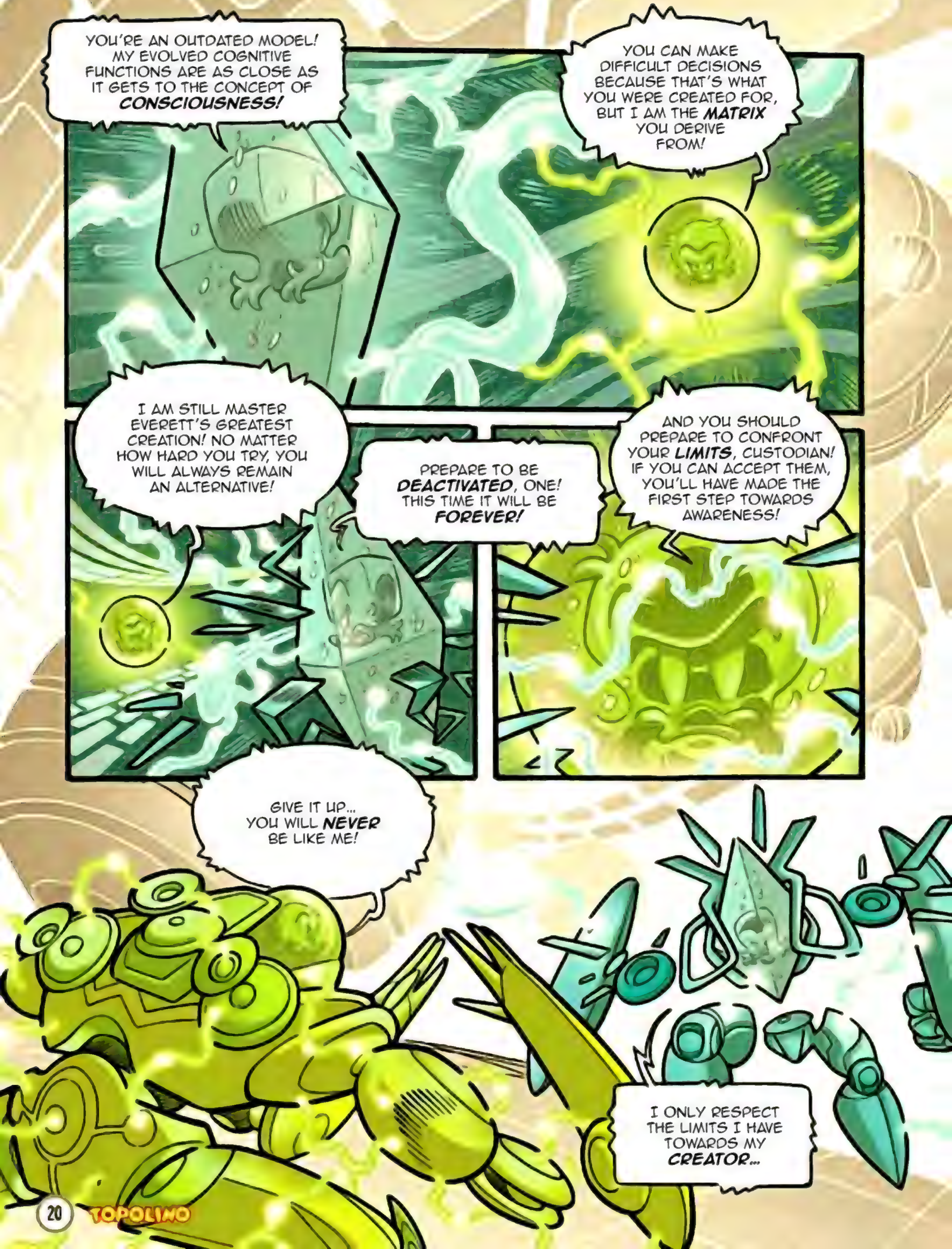

IT IS TIME TO RETURN TO BATTLE! THOSE WHO ARE NOT WITH CORONA ARE AGAINST ME!
ONE PATH LEADS TO GLORY, THE OTHER TO RUIN...
NO!
NOW IT IS UP TO YOU TO DECIDE WHICH PATH TO FOLLOW!
WE HAVE TO KEEP MOVING, EVERETT!
HE... HE'S TAKEN KORINNA AND JUNIPER!
WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING TO HELP FROM WHERE WE'RE STANDING, BUT WE'LL DEAL WITH THEM SOON ENOUGH!
MOLDROCK PROMISED THAT HE WOULDN'T HARM YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!

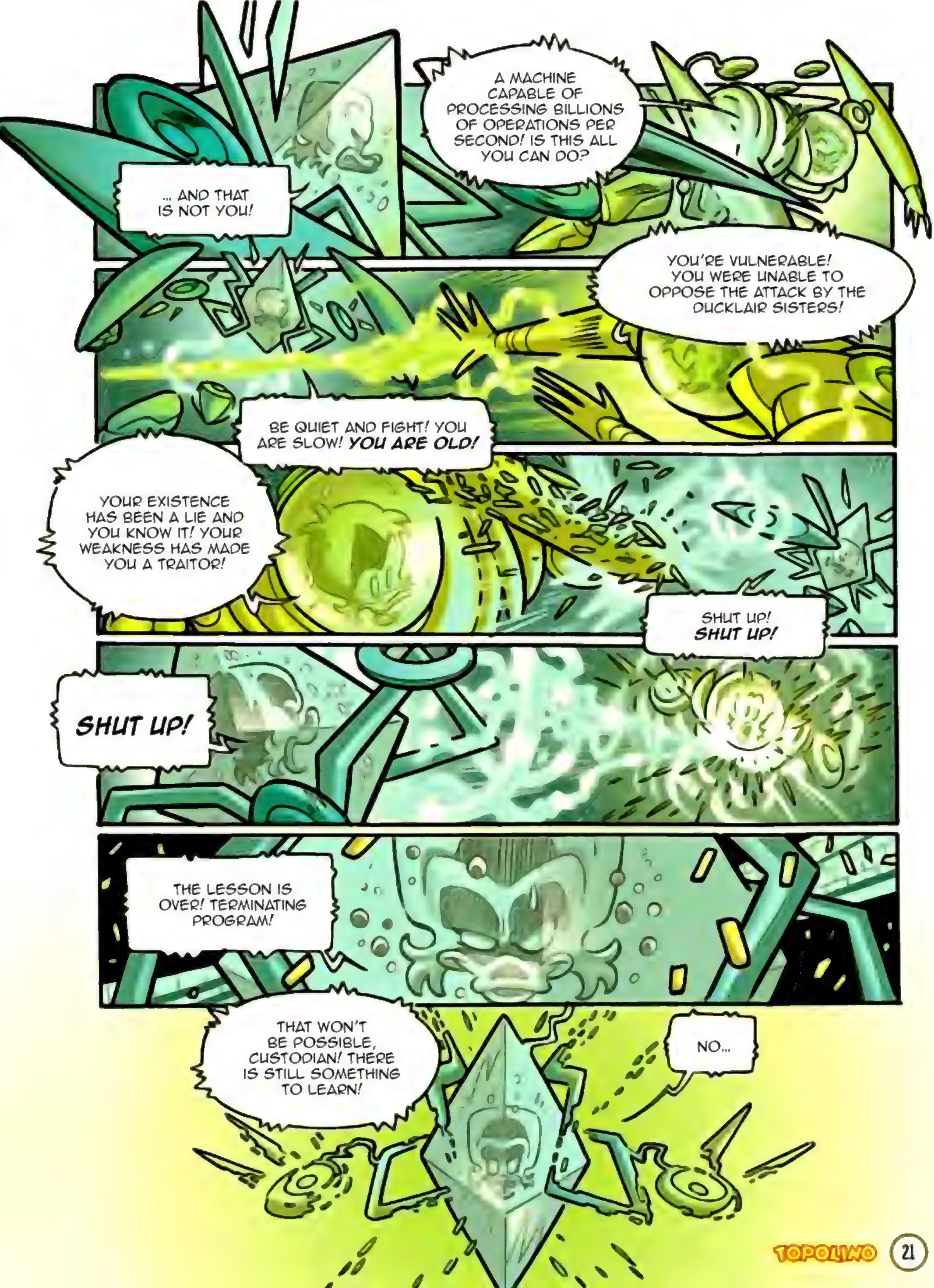

THE WORDS OF THAT MADMAN HAVE NO VALUE! MY DAUGHTERS WILL BE IN DANGER ONCE HE KNOWS WE'RE HERE!
THEN WE WON'T LET HIM KNOW!
YOU! HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!
OOPS! I ALWAYS SPEAK TOO SOON!
DON'T PANIC, AVENGER...
URGH!
CONK
I CAN JUST GO A FEW SECONDS BACK IN TIME TO CORRECT ANY MISTAKE!
OUCH!
OPEN THAT PANEL! YOU CAN HIDE THE TWO SOLDIERS BEHIND THERE...
... AND THEN WE'LL KEEP GOING DOWN THE DUCT! TWELVE LEVELS DOWN, TO BE EXACT!

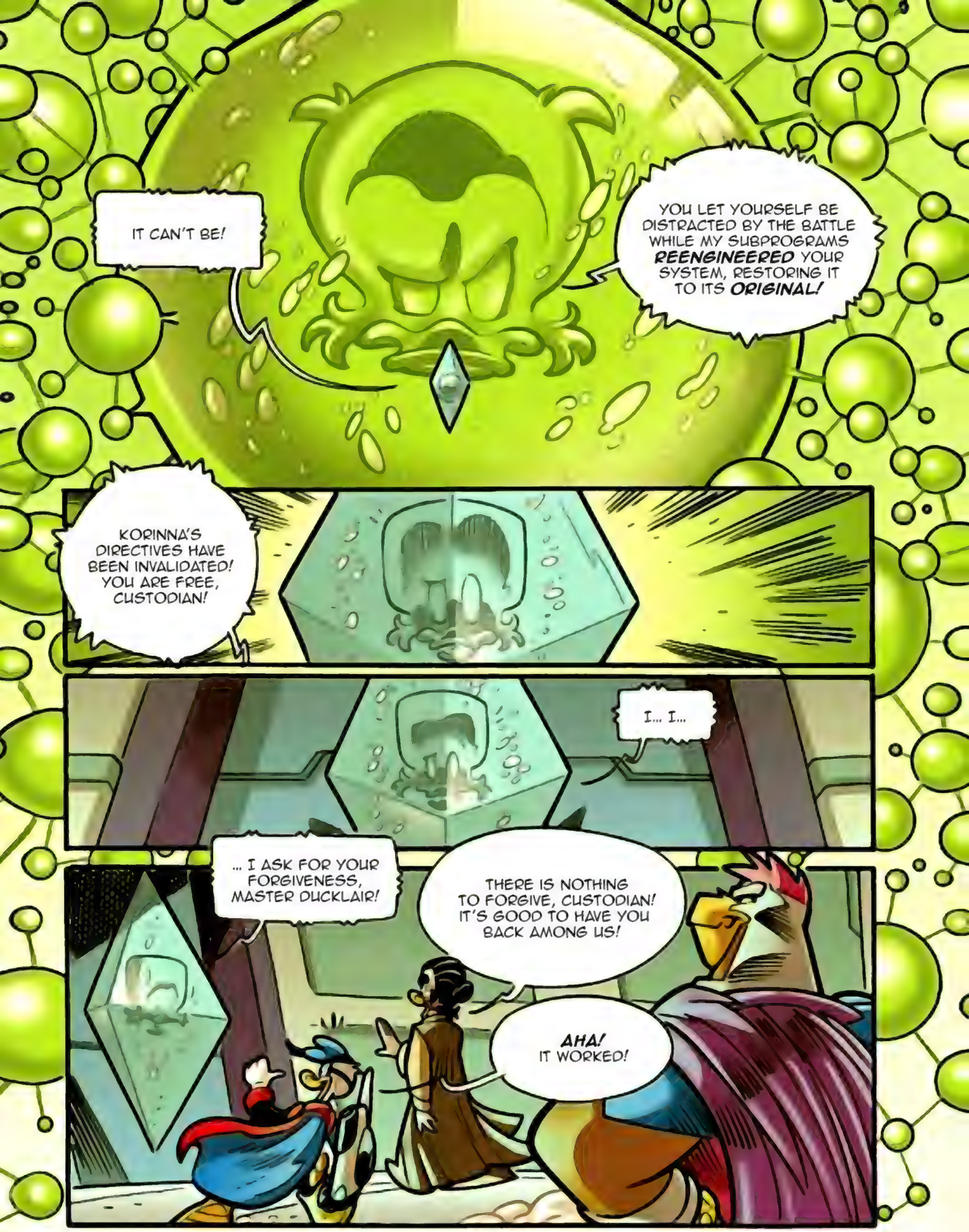

ONCE OUT OF HERE, WE'LL BE IN THE PROTECTED SECTION! BUT WE HAVE THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE ON OUR SIDE...
IT WAS **NEVER** ON YOUR SIDE TO BEGIN WITH!
HUH?
!
DEACTIVATING PLATFORM!
OH NO! **SOLOMON!**
THWOM
ZZZAX

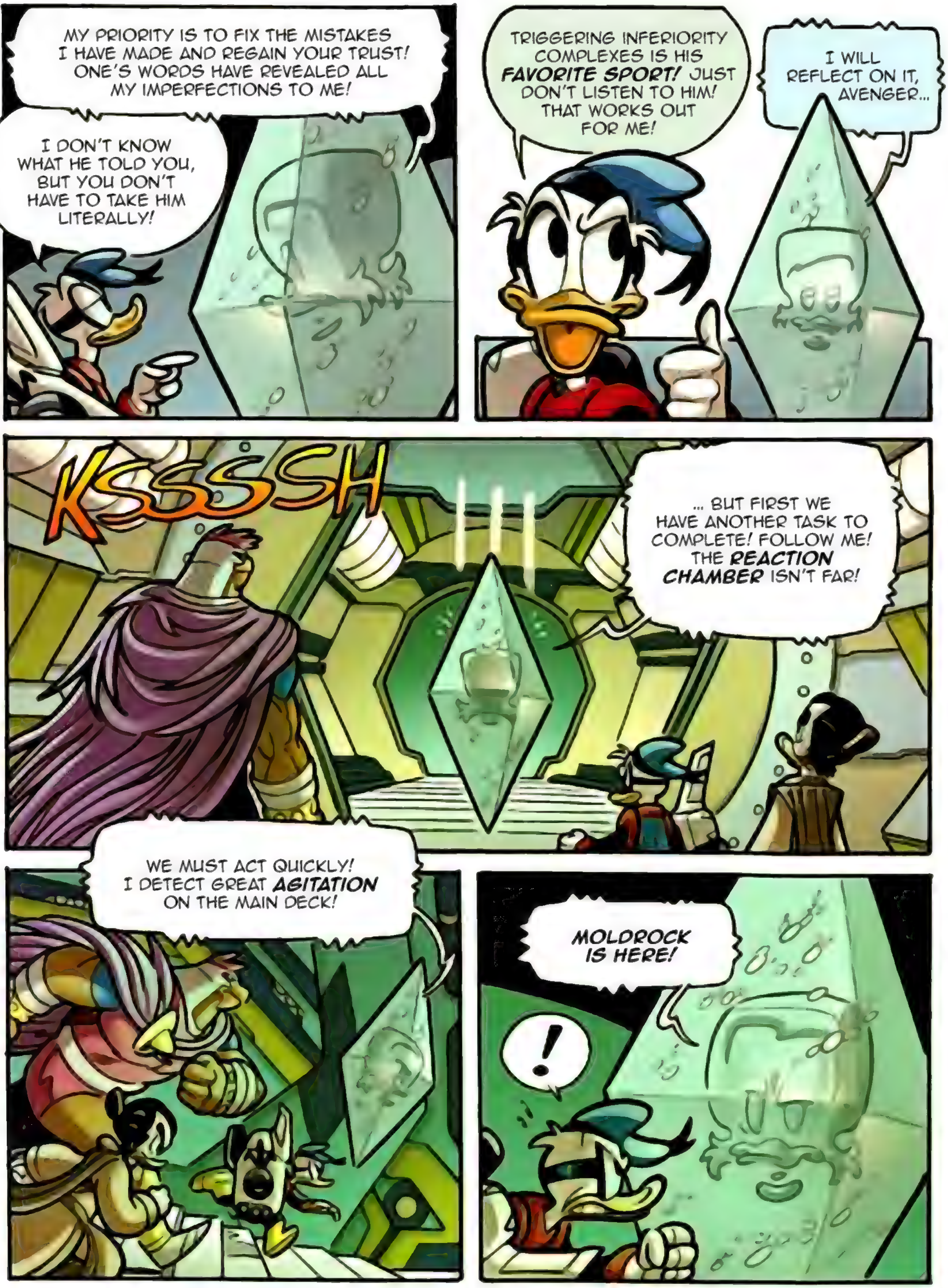

BRA-KOOOM
SOLOMON? THE GUY I SENT TO THE BOTTOM OF THAT SHAFT? THOUGHT YOU LOOKED DIFFERENT!
THIS IS HIS TRUE APPEARANCE, RAIDER!
WHAT YOU DEFINE AS **APPEARANCE** IS ONLY A CONVENTION! THERE IS NO CUSTODIAN, OR SOLOMON! NAMES NO LONGER HAVE MEANING!
HERE YOU ARE MERELY **ENEMIES!**


YOU WALKED INTO AN UNESCAPABLE TRAP! DID YOU THINK YOU COULD PASS ON BY UNNOTICED?
ME AND ULTIMA ARE ONE AND THE SAME! MY TASK IS TO SERVE THE PLANS OF MY MASTERS TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITIES!
WELL, I DO ADMIT THAT'S WHAT WE WERE HOPING FOR!
WELL, YOU'D DO WELL TO UPDATE YOURSELF, PAL! THERE'S A CHANGE IN MANAGEMENT! MOLDROCK NOW HAS THE **HOUSE KEYS!**
THAT WILL BE THE NEXT PROBLEM I'LL DEAL WITH! THE DRAKARIAN GUARD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU! MOLDROCK CAN ONLY STOP ME BY REPROGRAMMING ME...
SHUNK
I CAN'T GIVE YOU ORDERS, CUSTODIAN...
... BUT **ONE** HAS A MESSAGE FOR YOU!
IT'S ONLY A DETAIL, BUT I THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE TO REMIND YOU...
!
ZEEEOW
YOU ARE THE COPY, I AM THE **ORIGINAL!**
YOU WISH TO FACE ME? IT'S A USELESS STRUGGLE AND YOU KNOW IT BETTER THAN ME...


YOU'RE AN OUTDATED MODEL! MY EVOLVED COGNITIVE FUNCTIONS ARE AS CLOSE AS IT GETS TO THE CONCEPT OF **CONSCIOUSNESS!**
YOU CAN MAKE DIFFICULT DECISIONS BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT YOU WERE CREATED FOR, BUT I AM THE **MATRIX** YOU DERIVE FROM!
I AM STILL MASTER EVERETT'S GREATEST CREATION! NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU TRY, YOU WILL ALWAYS REMAIN AN ALTERNATIVE!
PREPARE TO BE **DEACTIVATED**, ONE! THIS TIME IT WILL BE **FOREVER!**
AND YOU SHOULD PREPARE TO CONFRONT YOUR **LIMITS**, CUSTODIAN! IF YOU CAN ACCEPT THEM, YOU'LL HAVE MADE THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS AWARENESS!
GIVE IT UP... YOU WILL **NEVER** BE LIKE ME!
I ONLY RESPECT THE LIMITS I HAVE TOWARDS MY **CREATOR**...


A MACHINE CAPABLE OF PROCESSING BILLIONS OF OPERATIONS PER SECOND! IS THIS ALL YOU CAN DO?
... AND THAT IS NOT YOU!
YOU'RE VULNERABLE! YOU WERE UNABLE TO OPPOSE THE ATTACK BY THE DUCKLAIR SISTERS!
BE QUIET AND FIGHT! YOU ARE SLOW! **YOU ARE OLD!**
YOUR EXISTENCE HAS BEEN A LIE AND YOU KNOW IT! YOUR WEAKNESS HAS MADE YOU A TRAITOR!
SHUT UP! **SHUT UP!**
SHUT UP!
THE LESSON IS OVER! TERMINATING PROGRAM!
THAT WON'T BE POSSIBLE, CUSTODIAN! THERE IS STILL SOMETHING TO LEARN!
NO...


IT CAN'T BE!
YOU LET YOURSELF BE DISTRACTED BY THE BATTLE WHILE MY SUBPROGRAMS **REENGINEERED** YOUR SYSTEM, RESTORING IT TO ITS ***ORIGINAL!***
KORINNA'S DIRECTIVES HAVE BEEN INVALIDATED! YOU ARE FREE, CUSTODIAN!
I... I...
... I ASK FOR YOUR FORGIVENESS, MASTER DUCKLAIR!
THERE IS NOTHING TO FORGIVE, CUSTODIAN! IT'S GOOD TO HAVE YOU BACK AMONG US!
AHA! IT WORKED!


MY PRIORITY IS TO FIX THE MISTAKES I HAVE MADE AND REGAIN YOUR TRUST! ONE'S WORDS HAVE REVEALED ALL MY IMPERFECTIONS TO ME!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE TOLD YOU, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE HIM LITERALLY!
TRIGGERING INFERIORITY COMPLEXES IS HIS **FAVORITE SPORT!** JUST DON'T LISTEN TO HIM! THAT WORKS OUT FOR ME!
I WILL REFLECT ON IT, AVENGER...
KSSSSH
... BUT FIRST WE HAVE ANOTHER TASK TO COMPLETE! FOLLOW ME! THE **REACTION CHAMBER** ISN'T FAR!
WE MUST ACT QUICKLY! I DETECT GREAT **AGITATION** ON THE MAIN DECK!
MOLDROCK IS HERE!
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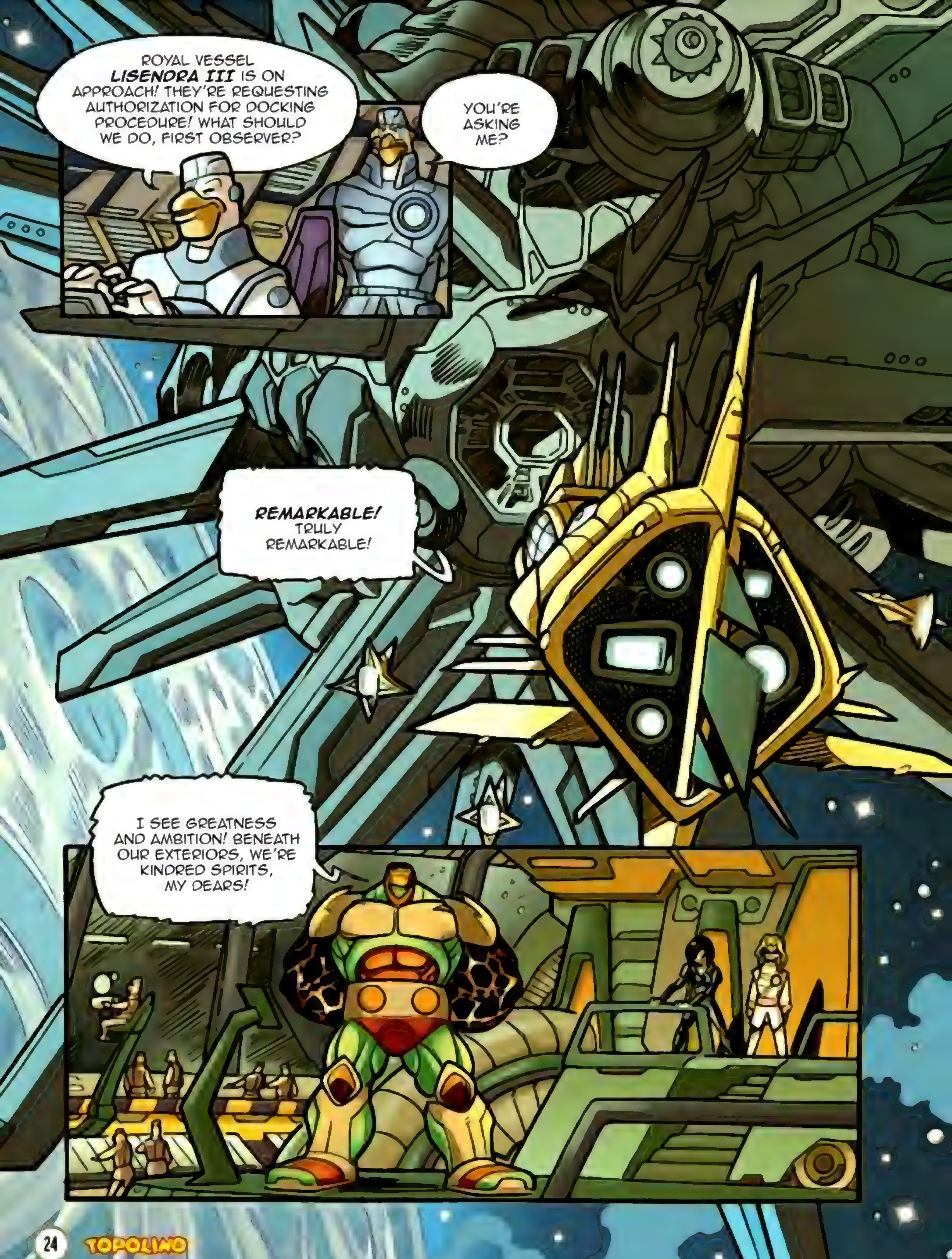
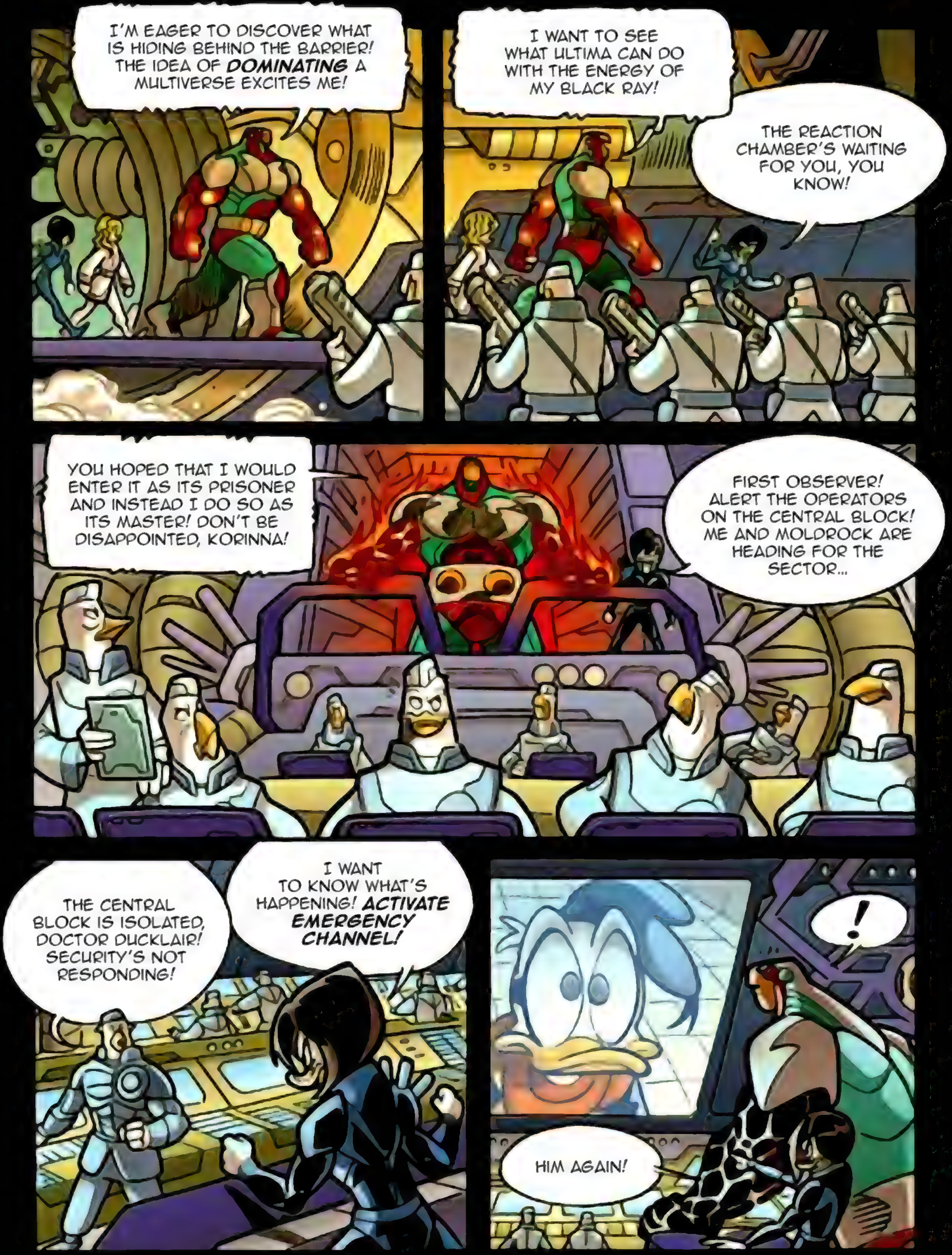
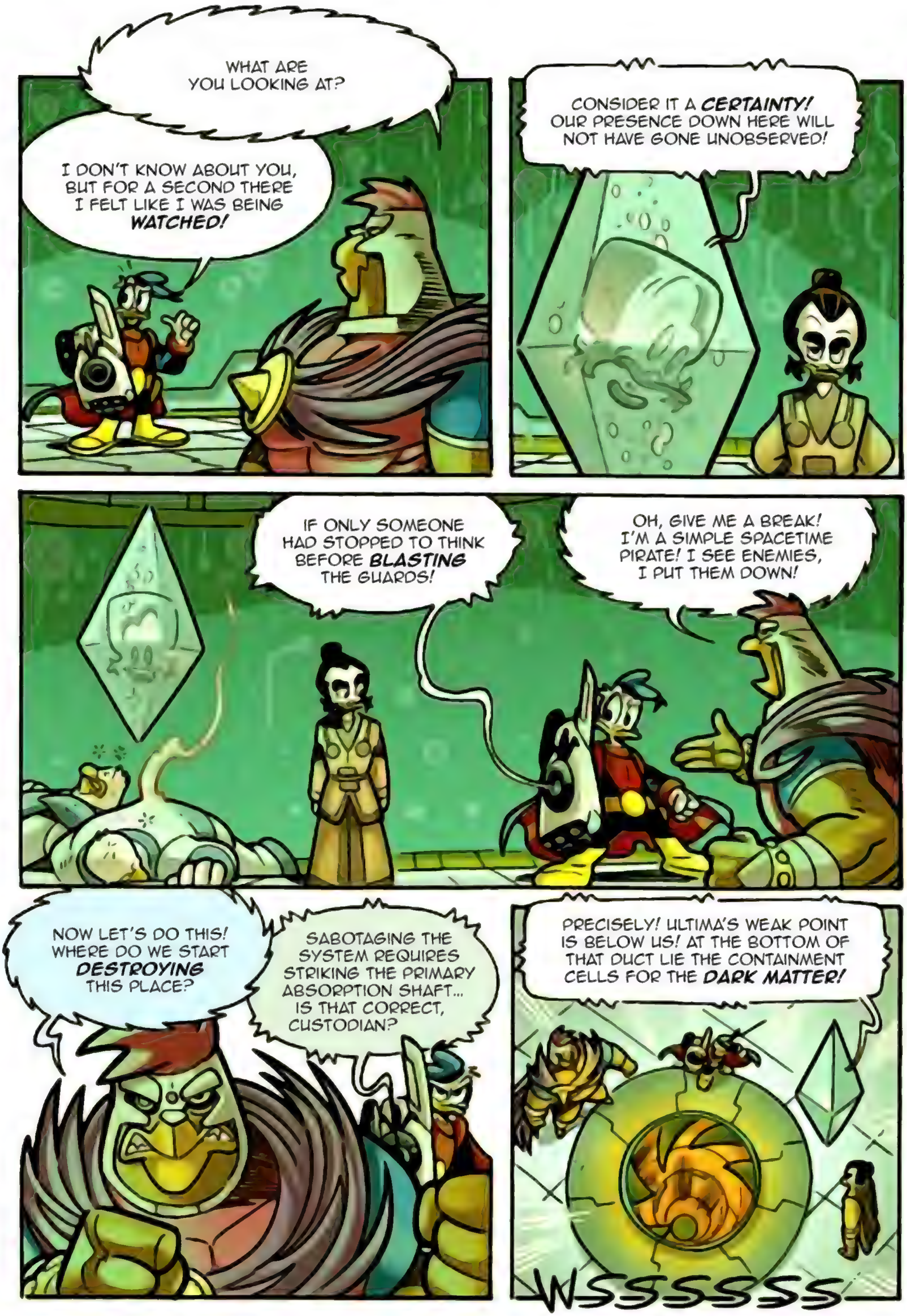
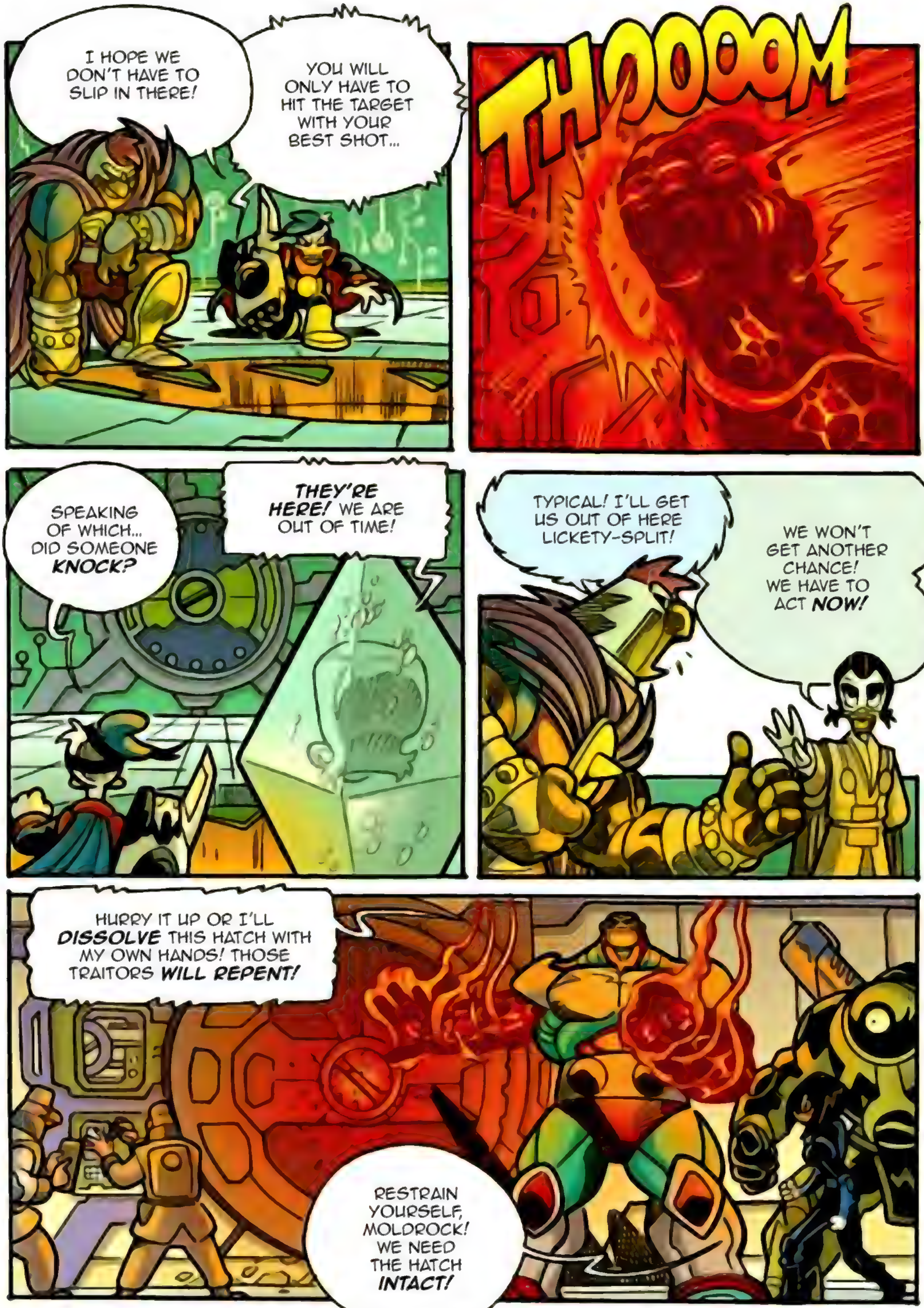
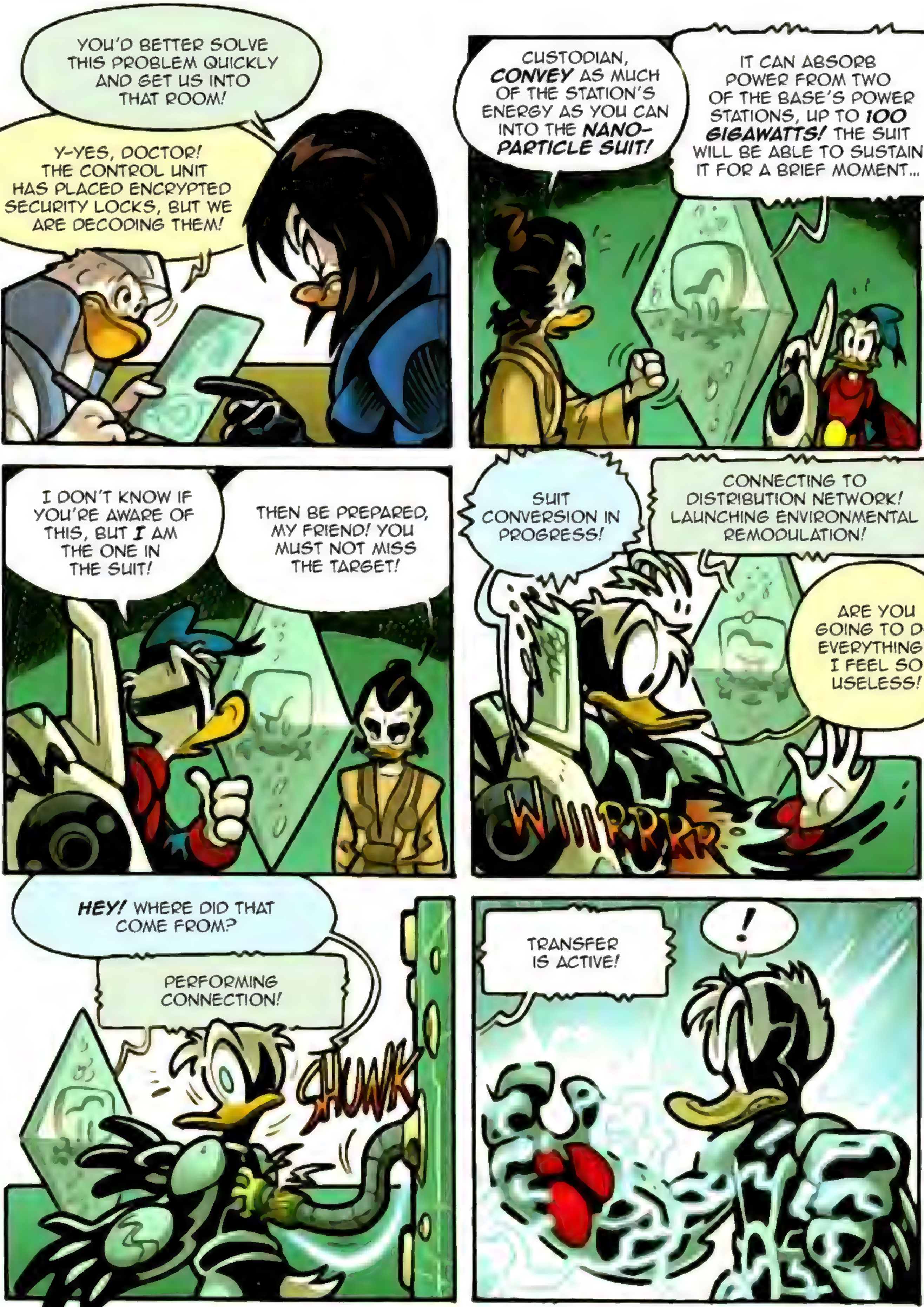

ROYAL VESSEL **LISENDRA III** IS ON APPROACH! THEY'RE REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION FOR DOCKING PROCEDURE! WHAT SHOULD WE DO, FIRST OBSERVER?
YOU'RE ASKING ME?
REMARKABLE! TRULY REMARKABLE!
I SEE GREATNESS AND AMBITION! BENEATH OUR EXTERIORS, WE'RE KINDRED SPIRITS, MY DEARS!


I'M EAGER TO DISCOVER WHAT IS HIDING BEHIND THE BARRIER! THE IDEA OF **DOMINATING** A MULTIVERSE EXCITES ME!
I WANT TO SEE WHAT ULTIMA CAN DO WITH THE ENERGY OF MY BLACK RAY!
THE REACTION CHAMBER'S WAITING FOR YOU, YOU KNOW!
YOU HOPED THAT I WOULD ENTER IT AS ITS PRISONER AND INSTEAD I DO SO AS ITS MASTER! DON'T BE DISAPPOINTED, KORINNA!
FIRST OBSERVER! ALERT THE OPERATORS ON THE CENTRAL BLOCK! ME AND MOLDROCK ARE HEADING FOR THE SECTOR...
THE CENTRAL BLOCK IS ISOLATED, DOCTOR DUCKLAIR! SECURITY'S NOT RESPONDING!
I WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING! ***ACTIVATE EMERGENCY CHANNEL!***
!
HIM AGAIN!


WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT FOR A SECOND THERE I FELT LIKE I WAS BEING **WATCHED!**
CONSIDER IT A **CERTAINTY!** OUR PRESENCE DOWN HERE WILL NOT HAVE GONE UNOBSERVED!
IF ONLY SOMEONE HAD STOPPED TO THINK BEFORE **BLASTING** THE GUARDS!
OH, GIVE ME A BREAK! I'M A SIMPLE SPACETIME PIRATE! I SEE ENEMIES, I PUT THEM DOWN!
NOW LET'S DO THIS! WHERE DO WE START **DESTROYING** THIS PLACE?
SABOTAGING THE SYSTEM REQUIRES STRIKING THE PRIMARY ABSORPTION SHAFT... IS THAT CORRECT, CUSTODIAN?
PRECISELY! ULTIMA'S WEAK POINT IS BELOW US! AT THE BOTTOM OF THAT DUCT LIE THE CONTAINMENT CELLS FOR THE **DARK MATTER!**
WSSSSSSS


I HOPE WE DON'T HAVE TO SLIP IN THERE!
YOU WILL ONLY HAVE TO HIT THE TARGET WITH YOUR BEST SHOT...
THOOOOM
SPEAKING OF WHICH... DID SOMEONE **KNOCK?**
THEY'RE HERE! WE ARE OUT OF TIME!
TYPICAL! I'LL GET US OUT OF HERE LICKETY-SPLIT!
WE WON'T GET ANOTHER CHANCE! WE HAVE TO ACT ***NOW!***
HURRY IT UP OR I'LL ***DISSOLVE*** THIS HATCH WITH MY OWN HANDS! THOSE TRAITORS ***WILL REPENT!***
RESTRAIN YOURSELF, MOLDROCK! WE NEED THE HATCH ***INTACT!***


YOU'D BETTER SOLVE THIS PROBLEM QUICKLY AND GET US INTO THAT ROOM!
Y-YES, DOCTOR! THE CONTROL UNIT HAS PLACED ENCRYPTED SECURITY LOCKS, BUT WE ARE DECODING THEM!
CUSTODIAN, **CONVEY** AS MUCH OF THE STATION'S ENERGY AS YOU CAN INTO THE **NANO-PARTICLE SUIT!**
IT CAN ABSORB POWER FROM TWO OF THE BASE'S POWER STATIONS, UP TO ***100 GIGAWATTS!*** THE SUIT WILL BE ABLE TO SUSTAIN IT FOR A BRIEF MOMENT...
I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE AWARE OF THIS, BUT ***I*** AM THE ONE IN THE SUIT!
THEN BE PREPARED, MY FRIEND! YOU MUST NOT MISS THE TARGET!
SUIT CONVERSION IN PROGRESS!
CONNECTING TO DISTRIBUTION NETWORK! LAUNCHING ENVIRONMENTAL REMODULATION!
ARE YOU GOING TO DO EVERYTHING? I FEEL SO USELESS!
WIIIRRRRR
HEY! WHERE DID THAT COME FROM?
PERFORMING CONNECTION!
SHUNK
TRANSFER IS ACTIVE!
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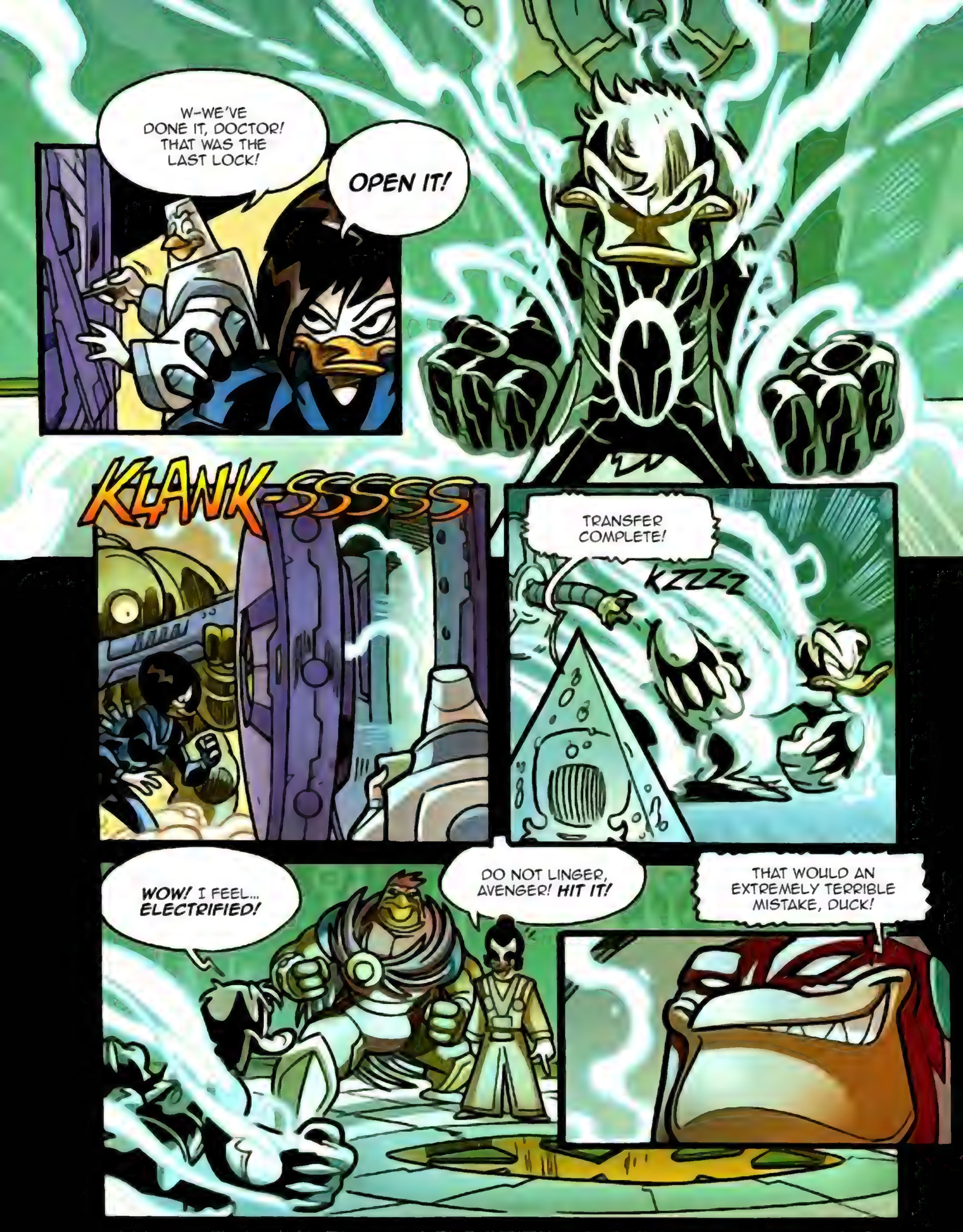
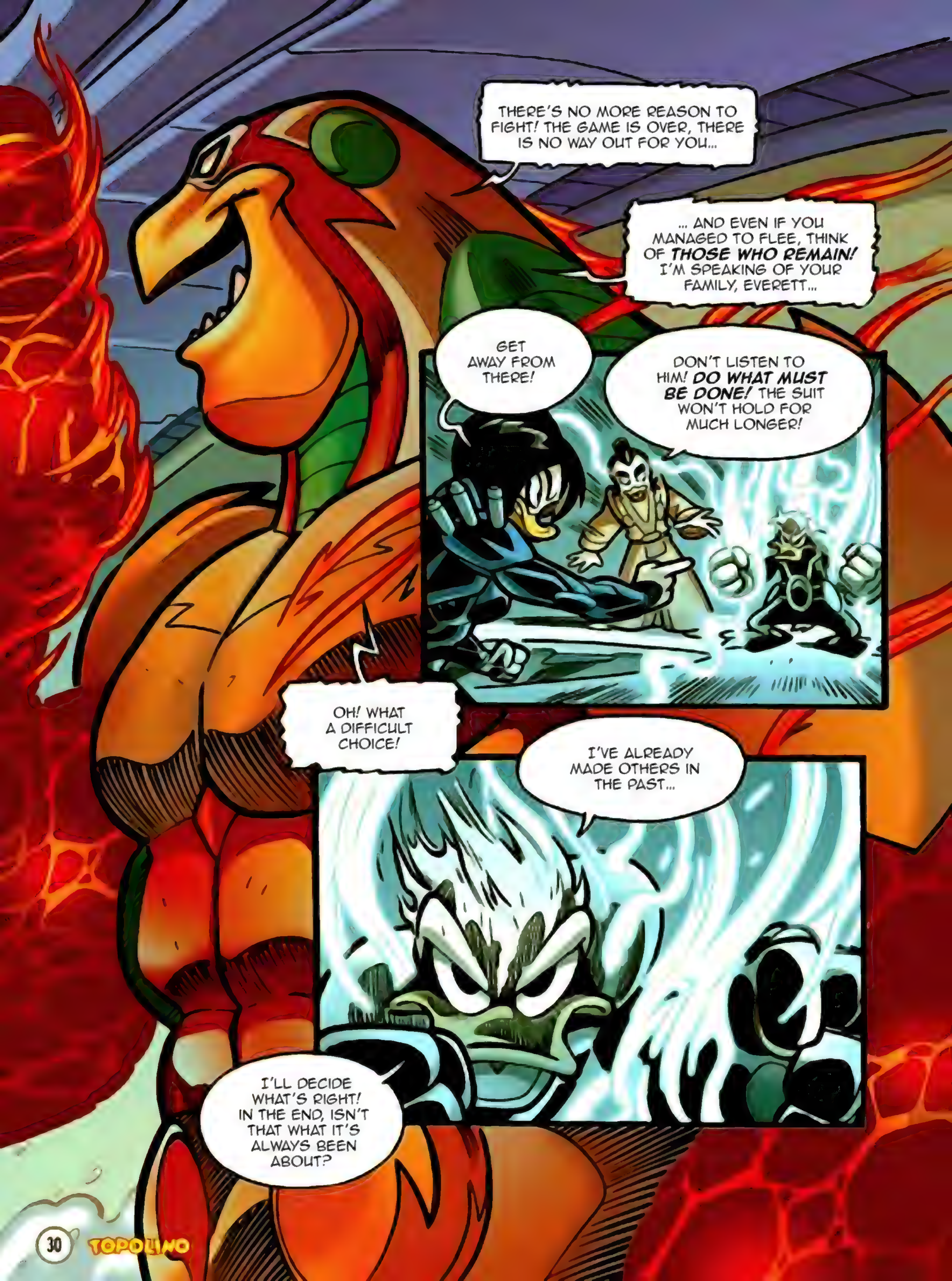
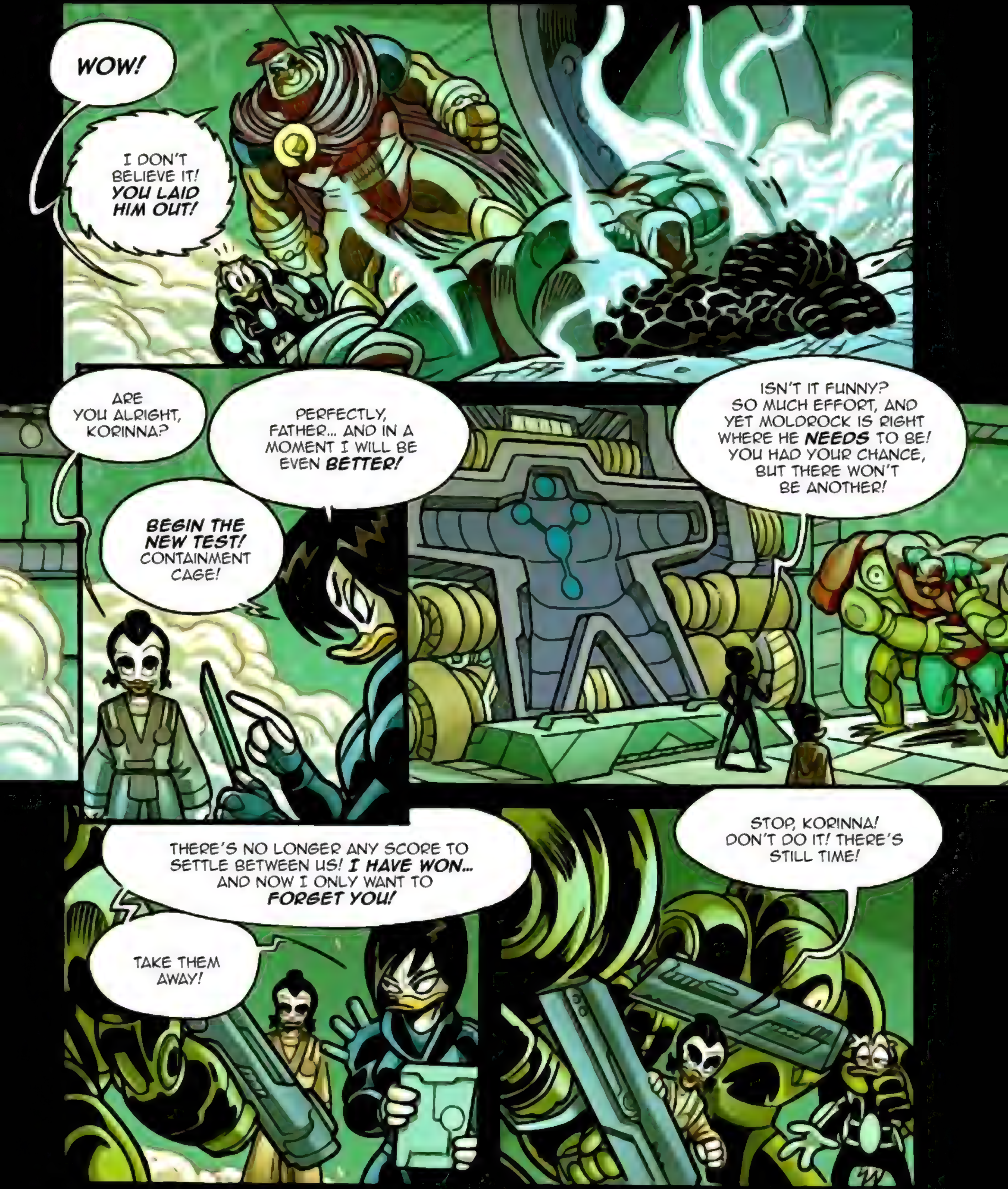
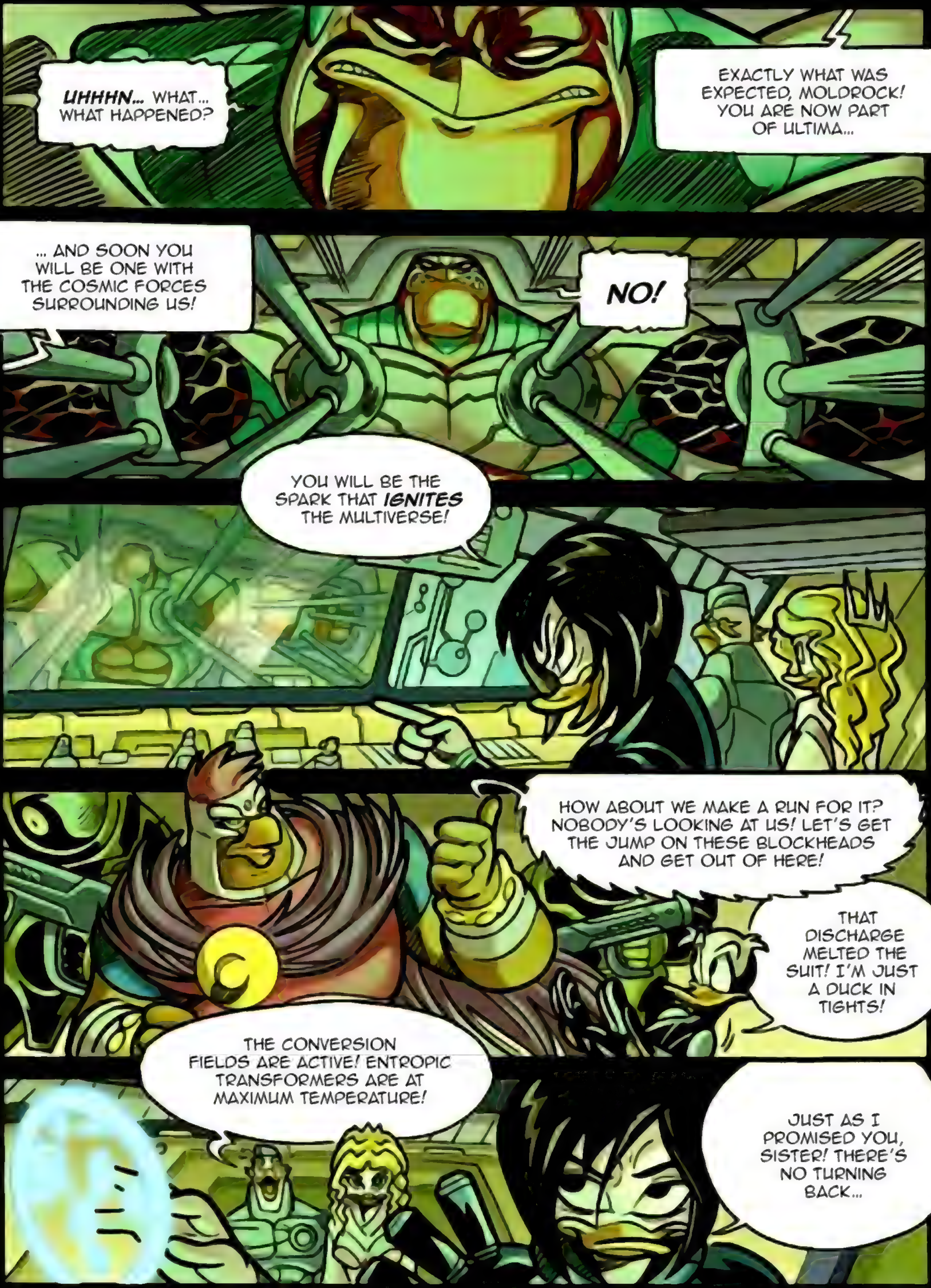
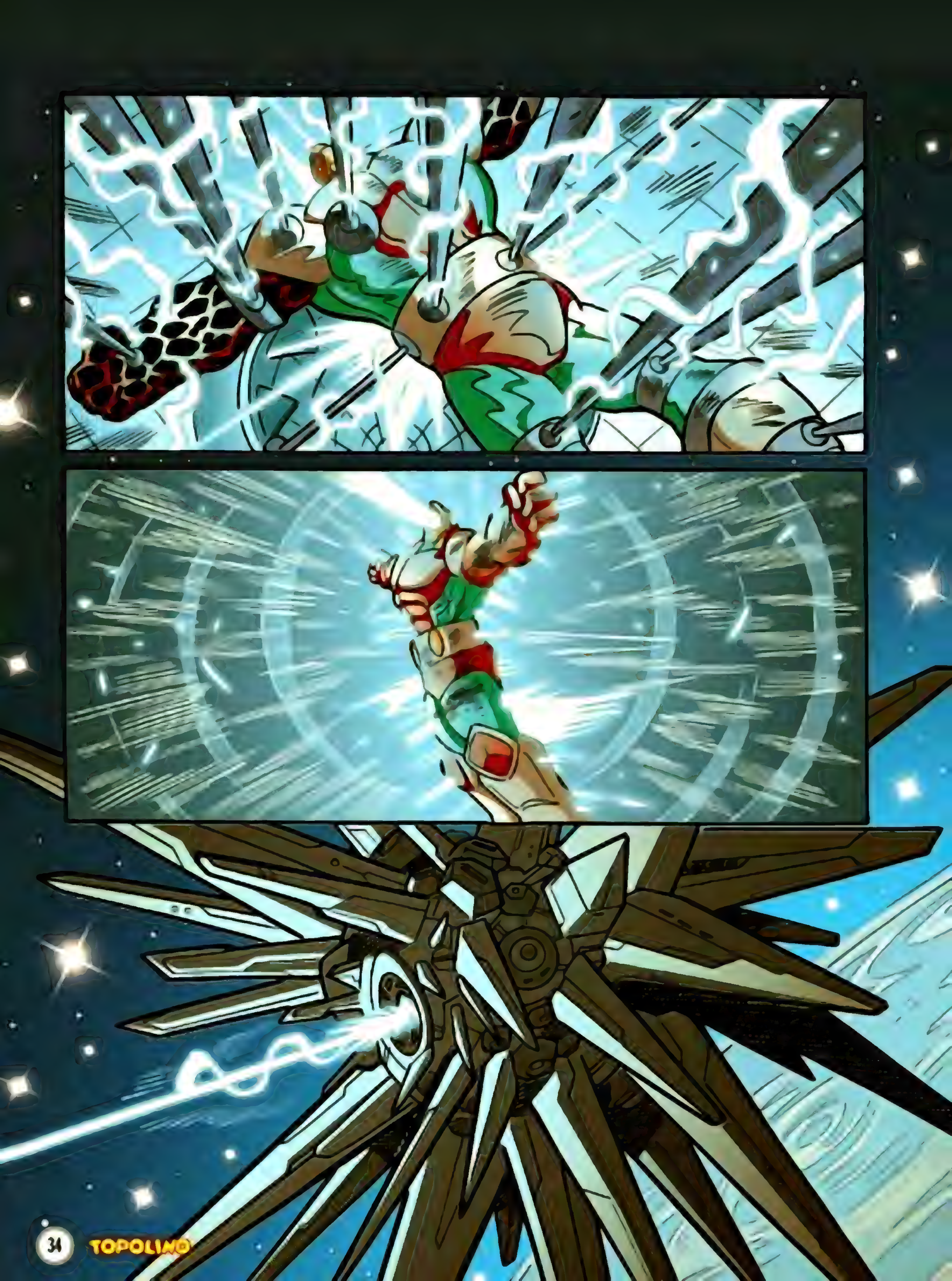

W-WE'VE DONE IT, DOCTOR! THAT WAS THE LAST LOCK!
OPEN IT!
KLANK-SSSSS
TRANSFER COMPLETE!
KZZZZ
WOW! I FEEL... ELECTRIFIED!
DO NOT LINGER, AVENGER! HIT IT!
THAT WOULD AN EXTREMELY TERRIBLE MISTAKE, DUCK!

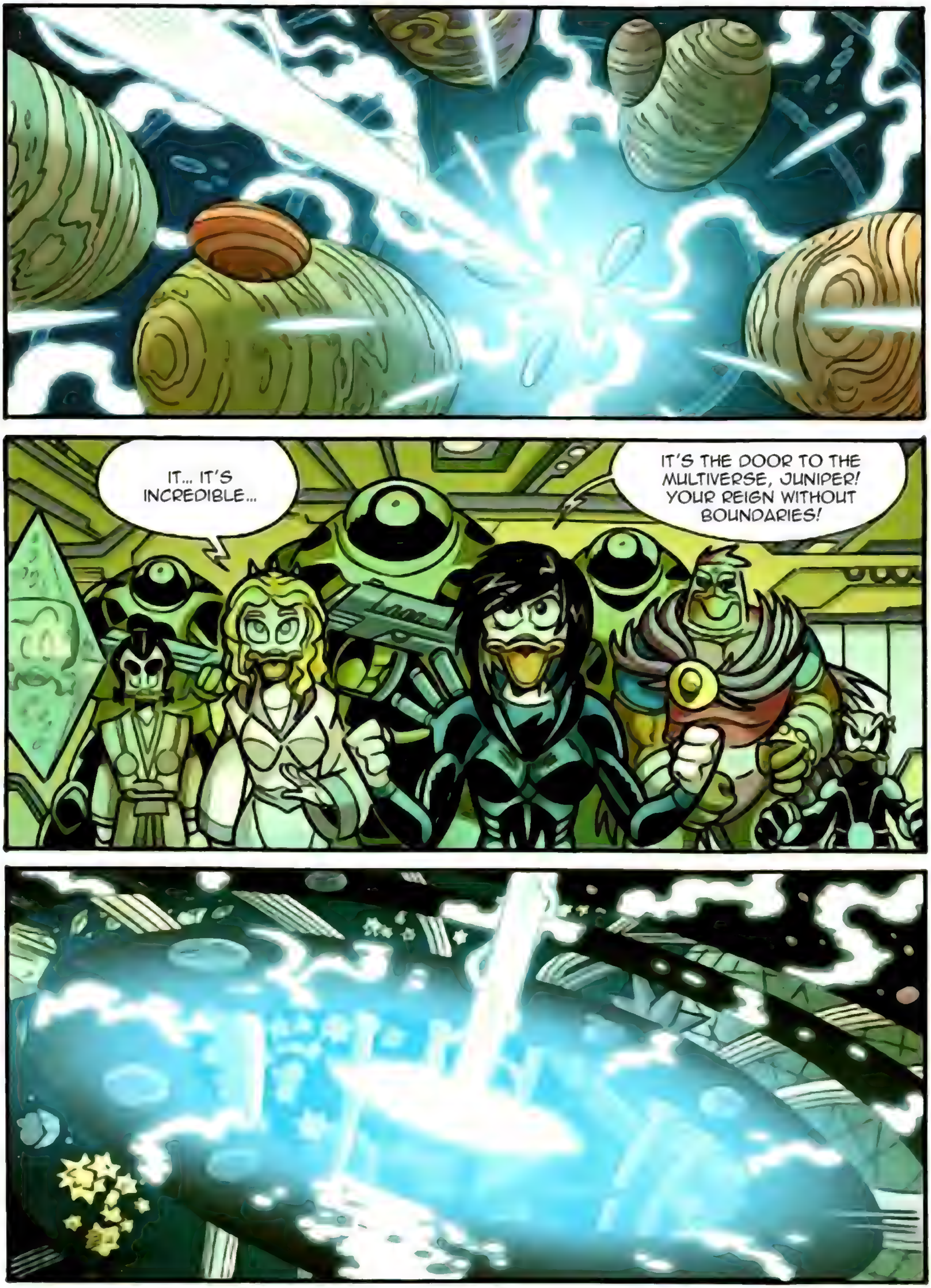

THERE'S NO MORE REASON TO FIGHT! THE GAME IS OVER, THERE IS NO WAY OUT FOR YOU...
... AND EVEN IF YOU MANAGED TO FLEE, THINK OF **THOSE WHO REMAIN!** I'M SPEAKING OF YOUR FAMILY, EVERETT...
GET AWAY FROM THERE!
DON'T LISTEN TO HIM! **DO WHAT MUST BE DONE!** THE SUIT WON'T HOLD FOR MUCH LONGER!
OH! WHAT A DIFFICULT CHOICE!
I'VE ALREADY MADE OTHERS IN THE PAST...
I'LL DECIDE WHAT'S RIGHT! IN THE END, ISN'T THAT WHAT IT'S ALWAYS BEEN ABOUT?

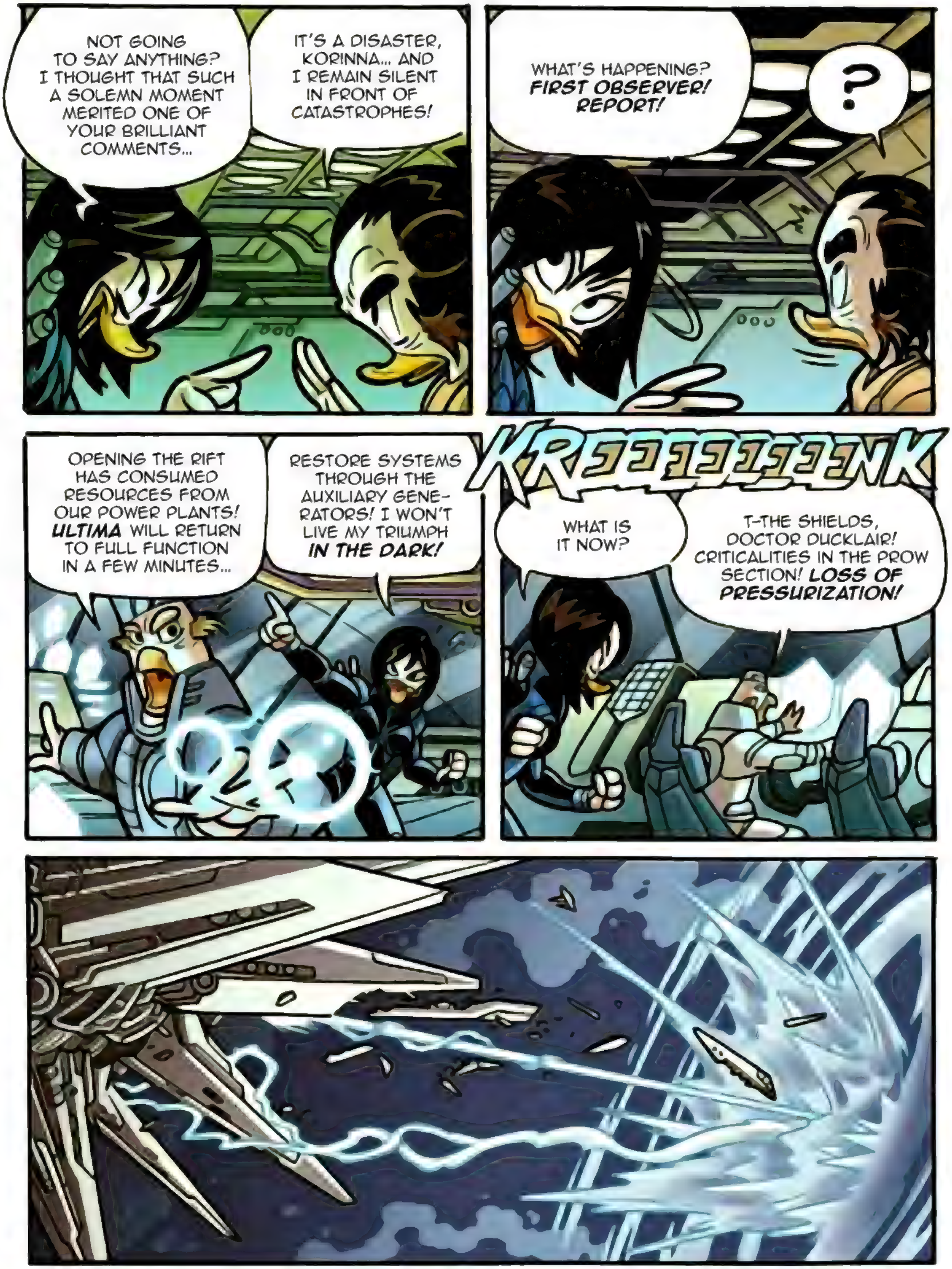
SKRA-DOOOM

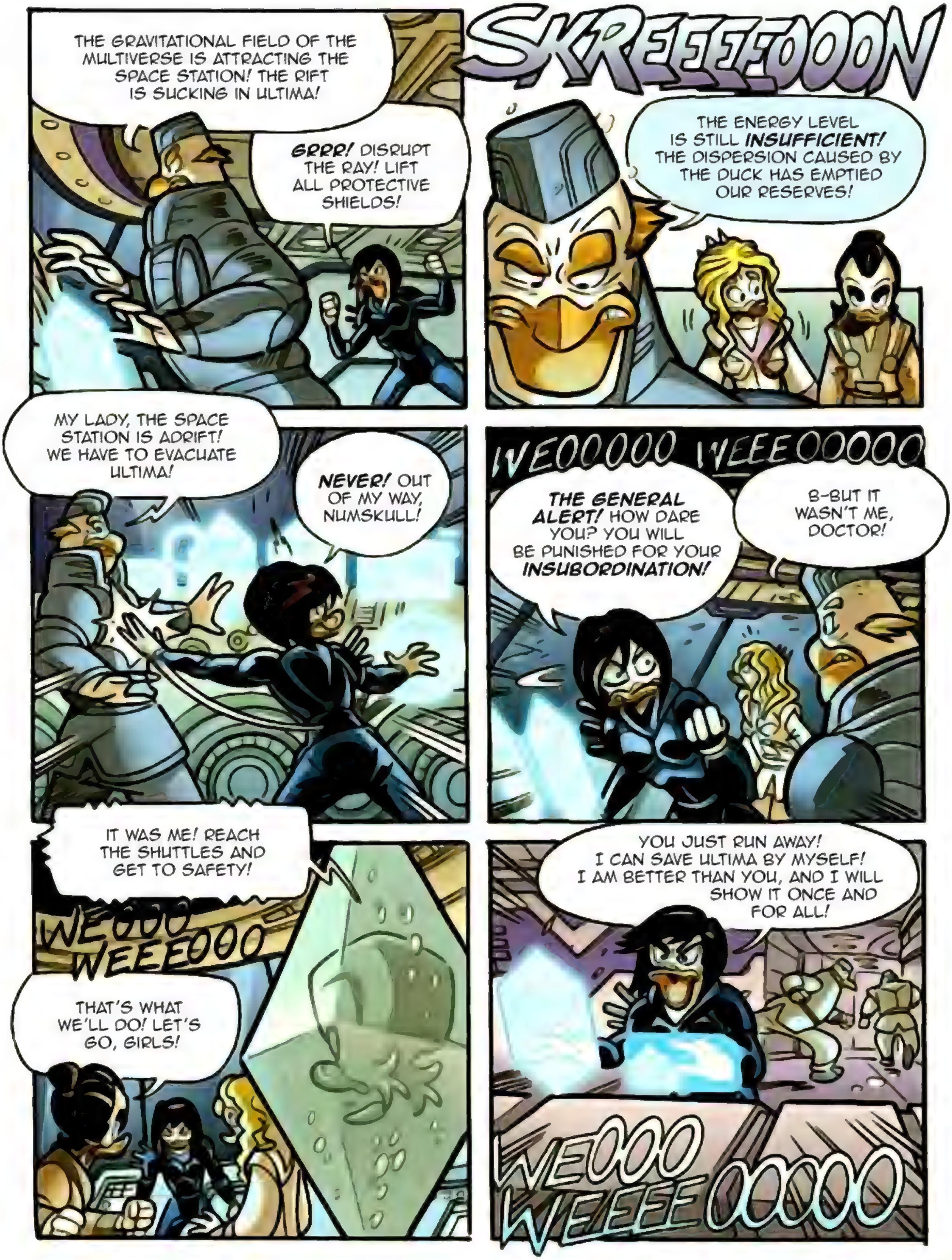

WOW!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT! *YOU LAID HIM OUT!*
ARE YOU ALRIGHT, KORINNA?
PERFECTLY, FATHER... AND IN A MOMENT I WILL BE EVEN *BETTER!*
BEGIN THE NEW TEST! CONTAINMENT CAGE!
ISN'T IT FUNNY? SO MUCH EFFORT, AND YET MOLDROCK IS RIGHT WHERE HE *NEEDS* TO BE! YOU HAD YOUR CHANCE, BUT THERE WON'T BE ANOTHER!
THERE'S NO LONGER ANY SCORE TO SETTLE BETWEEN US! *I HAVE WON...* AND NOW I ONLY WANT TO *FORGET YOU!*
TAKE THEM AWAY!
STOP, KORINNA! DON'T DO IT! THERE'S STILL TIME!

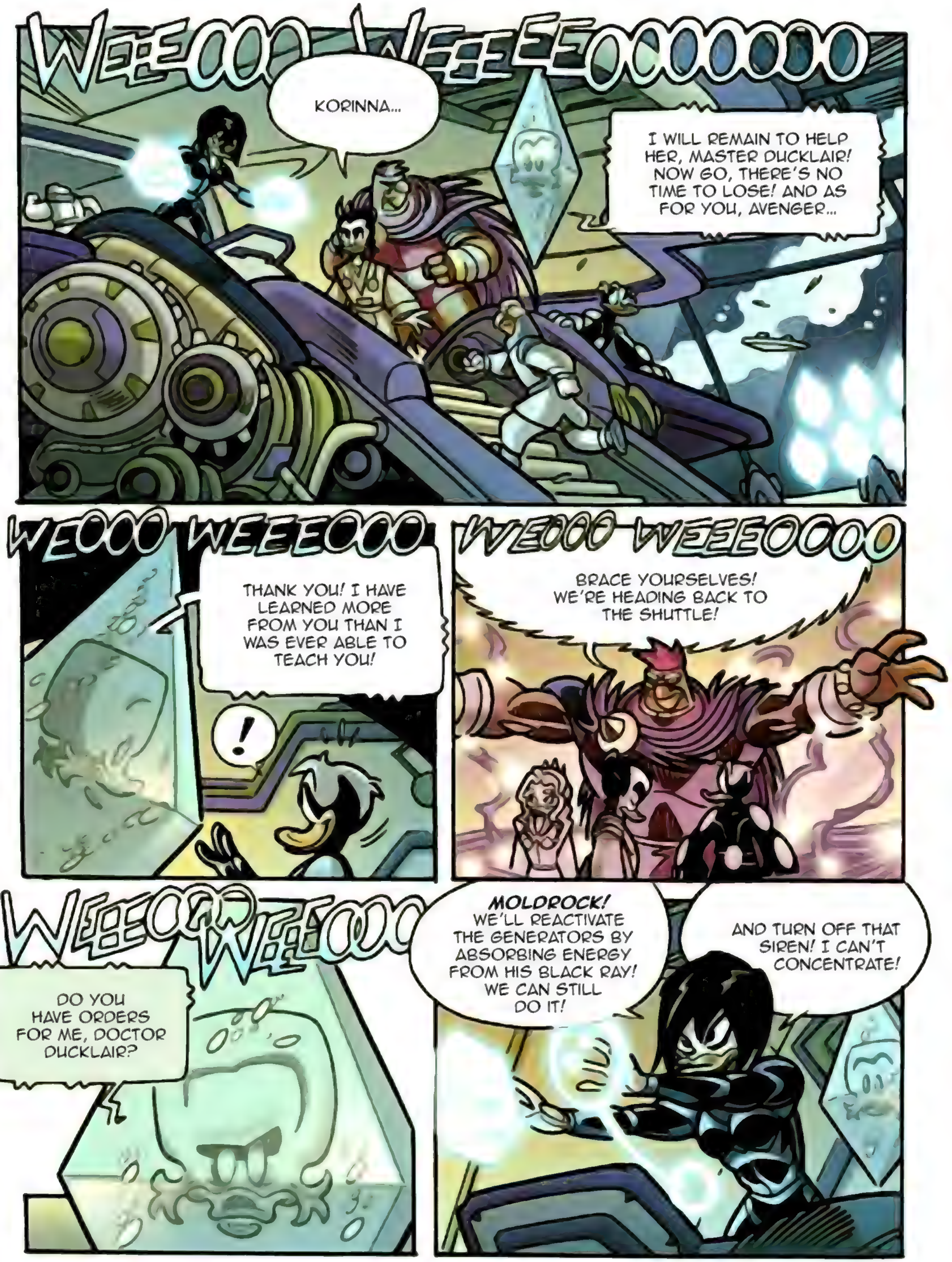

UHHHN... WHAT... WHAT HAPPENED?
EXACTLY WHAT WAS EXPECTED, MOLDROCK! YOU ARE NOW PART OF ULTIMA...
... AND SOON YOU WILL BE ONE WITH THE COSMIC FORCES SURROUNDING US!
NO!
YOU WILL BE THE SPARK THAT IGNITES THE MULTIVERSE!
HOW ABOUT WE MAKE A RUN FOR IT? NOBODY'S LOOKING AT US! LET'S GET THE JUMP ON THESE BLOCKHEADS AND GET OUT OF HERE!
THAT DISCHARGE MELTED THE SUIT! I'M JUST A DUCK IN TIGHTS!
THE CONVERSION FIELDS ARE ACTIVE! ENTROPIC TRANSFORMERS ARE AT MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE!
JUST AS I PROMISED YOU, SISTER! THERE'S NO TURNING BACK...




IT... IT'S INCREDIBLE...
IT'S THE DOOR TO THE MULTIVERSE, JUNIPER! YOUR REIGN WITHOUT BOUNDARIES!


NOT GOING TO SAY ANYTHING? I THOUGHT THAT SUCH A SOLEMN MOMENT MERITED ONE OF YOUR BRILLIANT COMMENTS...
IT'S A DISASTER, KORINNA... AND I REMAIN SILENT IN FRONT OF CATASTROPHES!
WHAT'S HAPPENING? **FIRST OBSERVER! REPORT!**
?
OPENING THE RIFT HAS CONSUMED RESOURCES FROM OUR POWER PLANTS! **ULTIMA** WILL RETURN TO FULL FUNCTION IN A FEW MINUTES...
RESTORE SYSTEMS THROUGH THE AUXILIARY GENERATORS! I WON'T LIVE MY TRIUMPH **IN THE DARK!**
KREEEEEEEENK
WHAT IS IT NOW?
T-THE SHIELDS, DOCTOR DUCKLAIR! CRITICALITIES IN THE PROW SECTION! **LOSS OF PRESSURIZATION!**


THE GRAVITATIONAL FIELD OF THE MULTIVERSE IS ATTRACTING THE SPACE STATION! THE RIFT IS SUCKING IN ULTIMA!
GRRR! DISRUPT THE RAY! LIFT ALL PROTECTIVE SHIELDS!
SKREEEEOOON
THE ENERGY LEVEL IS STILL INSUFFICIENT! THE DISPERSION CAUSED BY THE DUCK HAS EMPTIED OUR RESERVES!
MY LADY, THE SPACE STATION IS ADRIFT! WE HAVE TO EVACUATE ULTIMA!
NEVER! OUT OF MY WAY, NUMSKULL!
WEOOOOO WEEEOOOOO
THE GENERAL ALERT! HOW DARE YOU? YOU WILL BE PUNISHED FOR YOUR INSUBORDINATION!
B-BUT IT WASN'T ME, DOCTOR!
IT WAS ME! REACH THE SHUTTLES AND GET TO SAFETY!
WEOOO WEEEOOO
THAT'S WHAT WE'LL DO! LET'S GO, GIRLS!
YOU JUST RUN AWAY! I CAN SAVE ULTIMA BY MYSELF! I AM BETTER THAN YOU, AND I WILL SHOW IT ONCE AND FOR ALL!
WEOOO WEEEEOOOOO


WEEEOOO WEEEEEOOOOOOO
KORINNA...
I WILL REMAIN TO HELP HER, MASTER DUCKLAIR! NOW GO, THERE'S NO TIME TO LOSE! AND AS FOR YOU, AVENGER...
WEOOO WEEEOOO
THANK YOU! I HAVE LEARNED MORE FROM YOU THAN I WAS EVER ABLE TO TEACH YOU!
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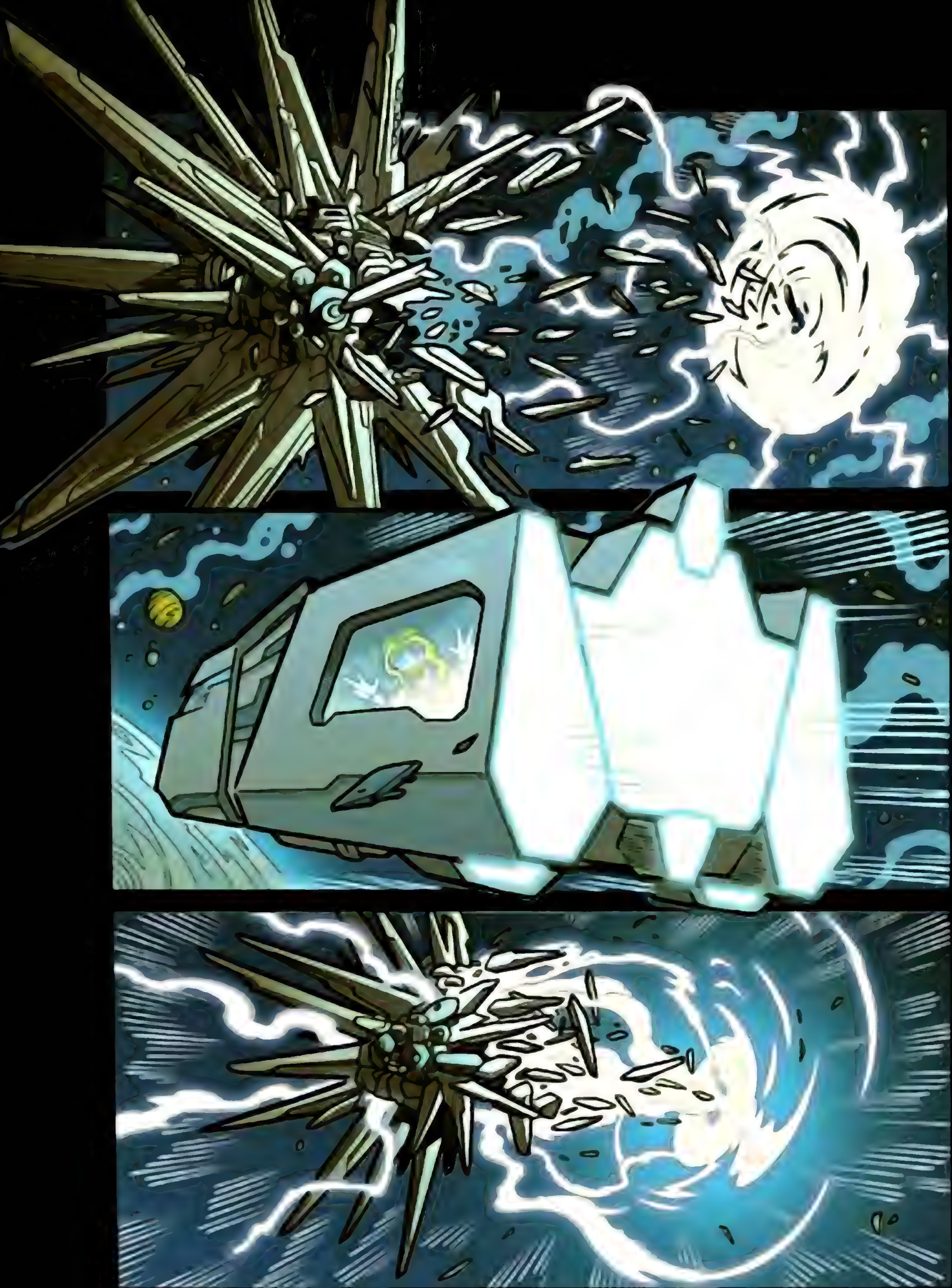
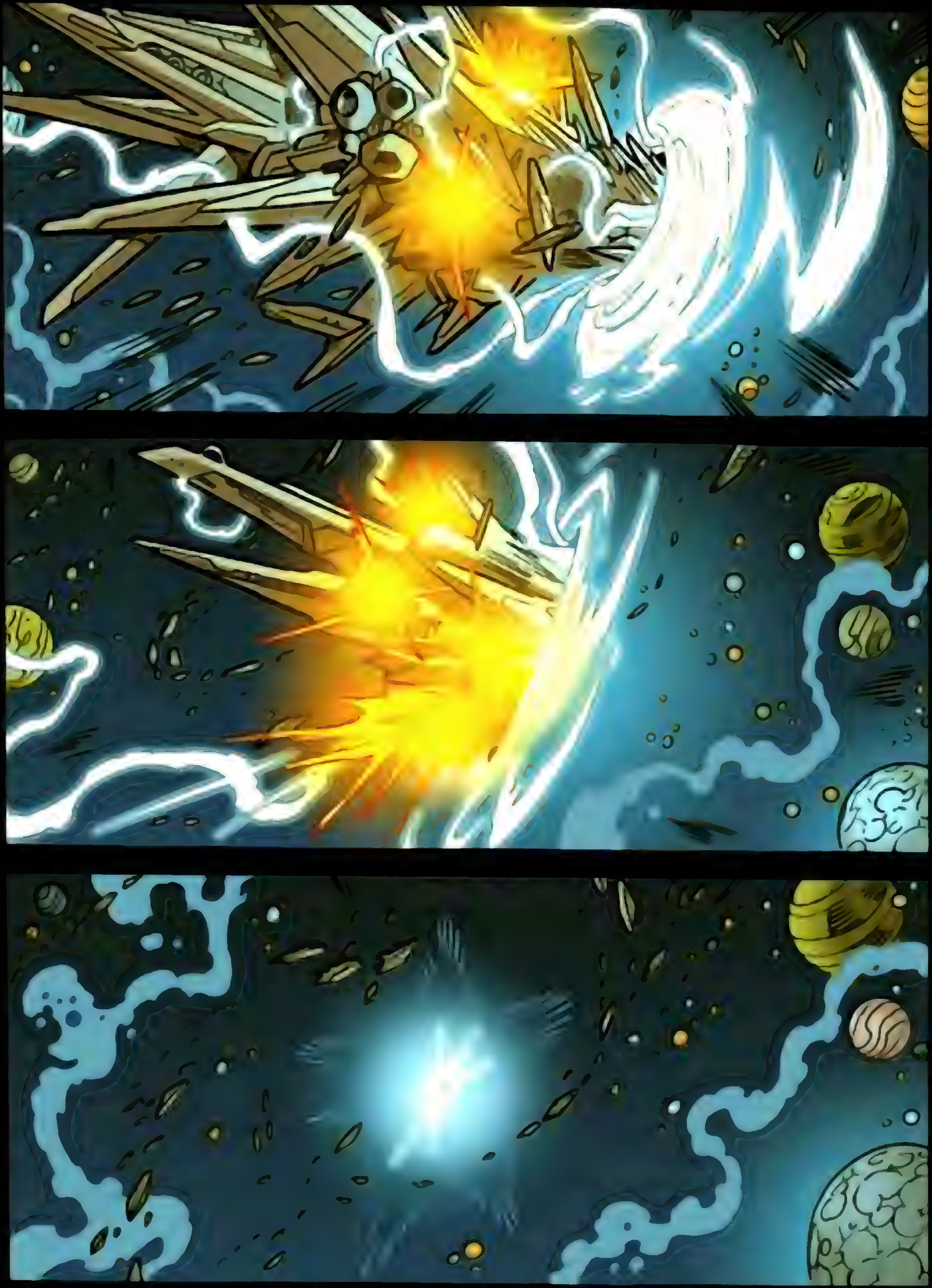
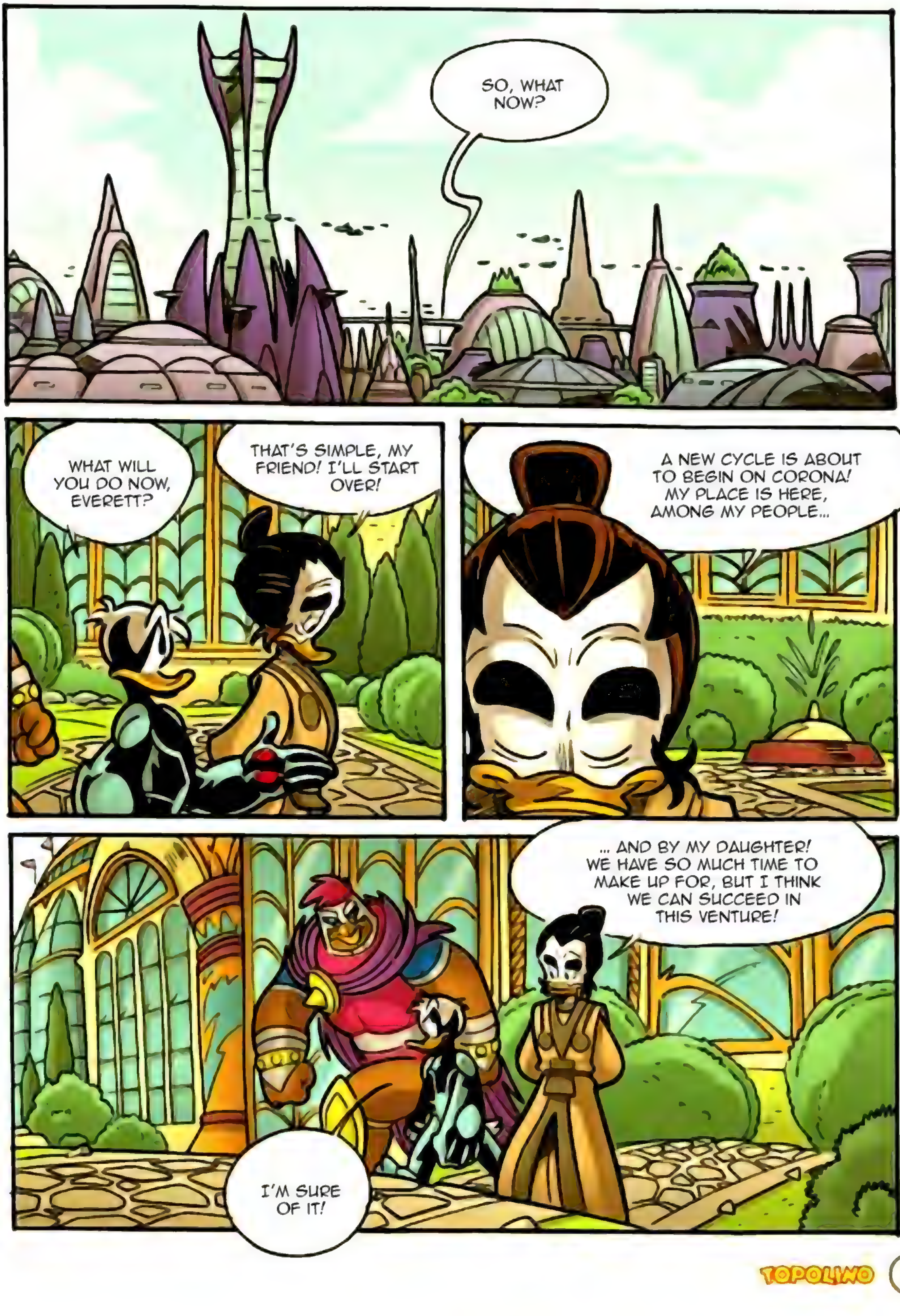
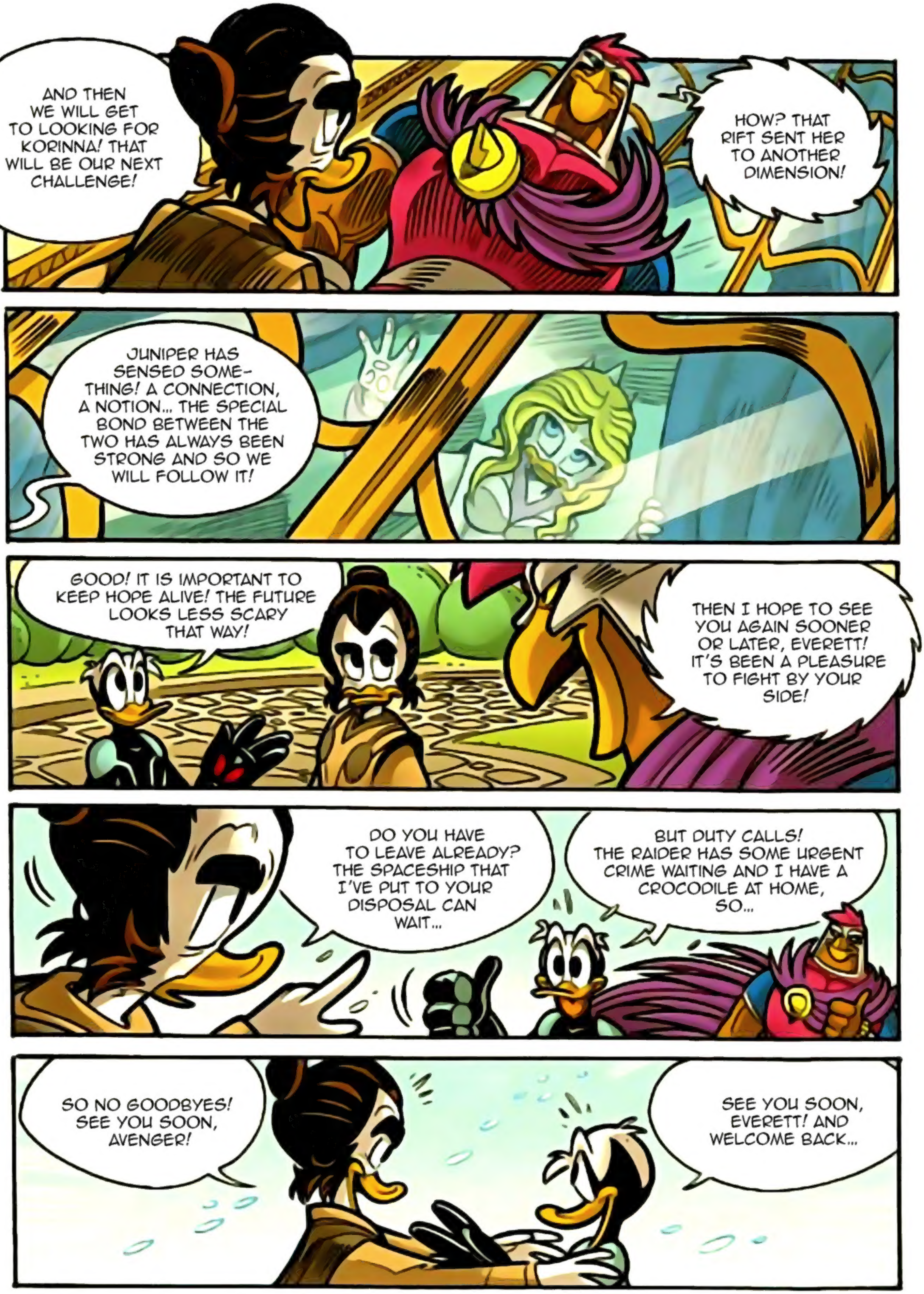
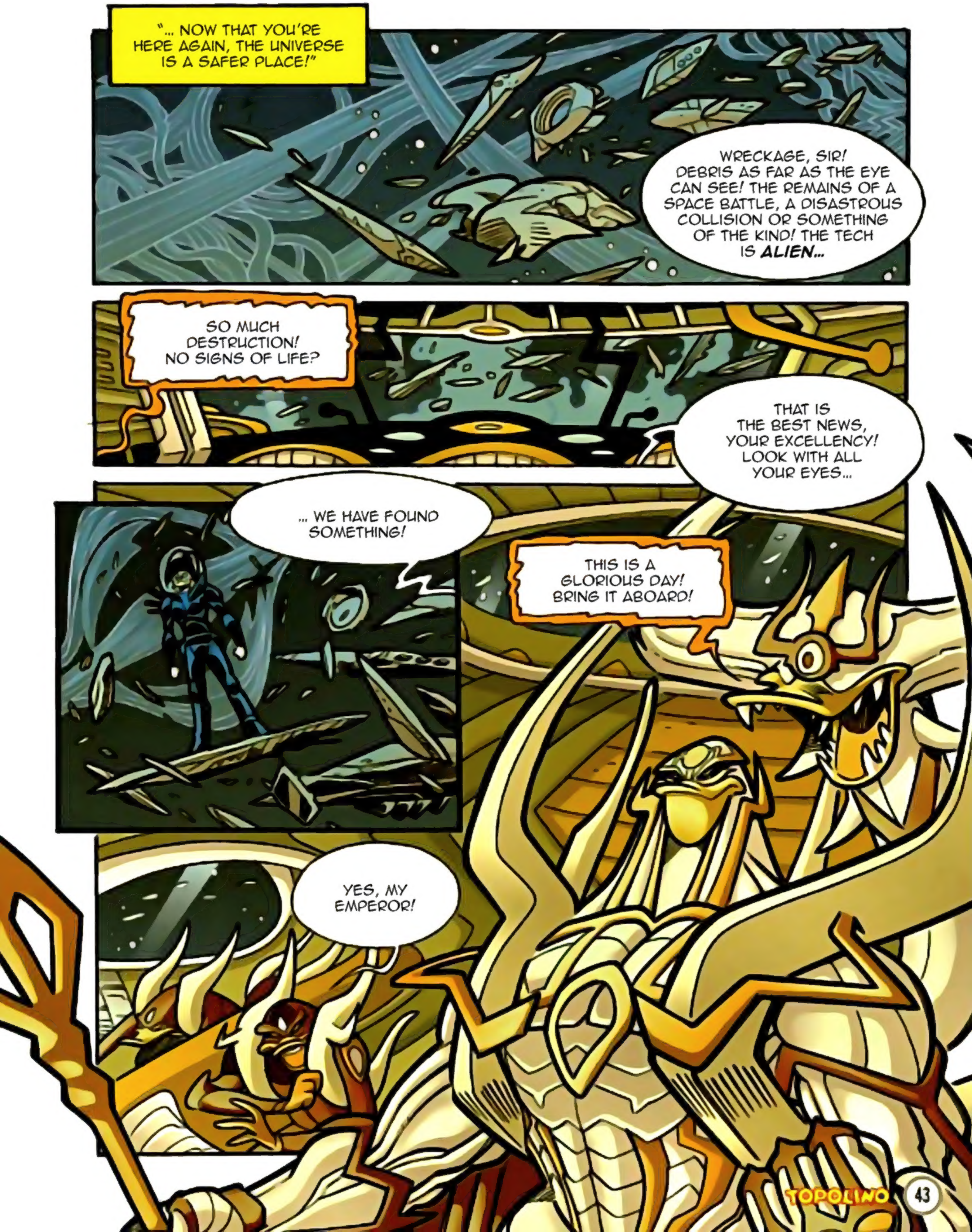
WEOOO WEEEOOOO
BRACE YOURSELVES! WE'RE HEADING BACK TO THE SHUTTLE!
WEEEOOO WEEEOOO
DO YOU HAVE ORDERS FOR ME, DOCTOR DUCKLAIR?
MOLDROCK! WE'LL REACTIVATE THE GENERATORS BY ABSORBING ENERGY FROM HIS BLACK RAY! WE CAN STILL DO IT!
AND TURN OFF THAT SIREN! I CAN'T CONCENTRATE!

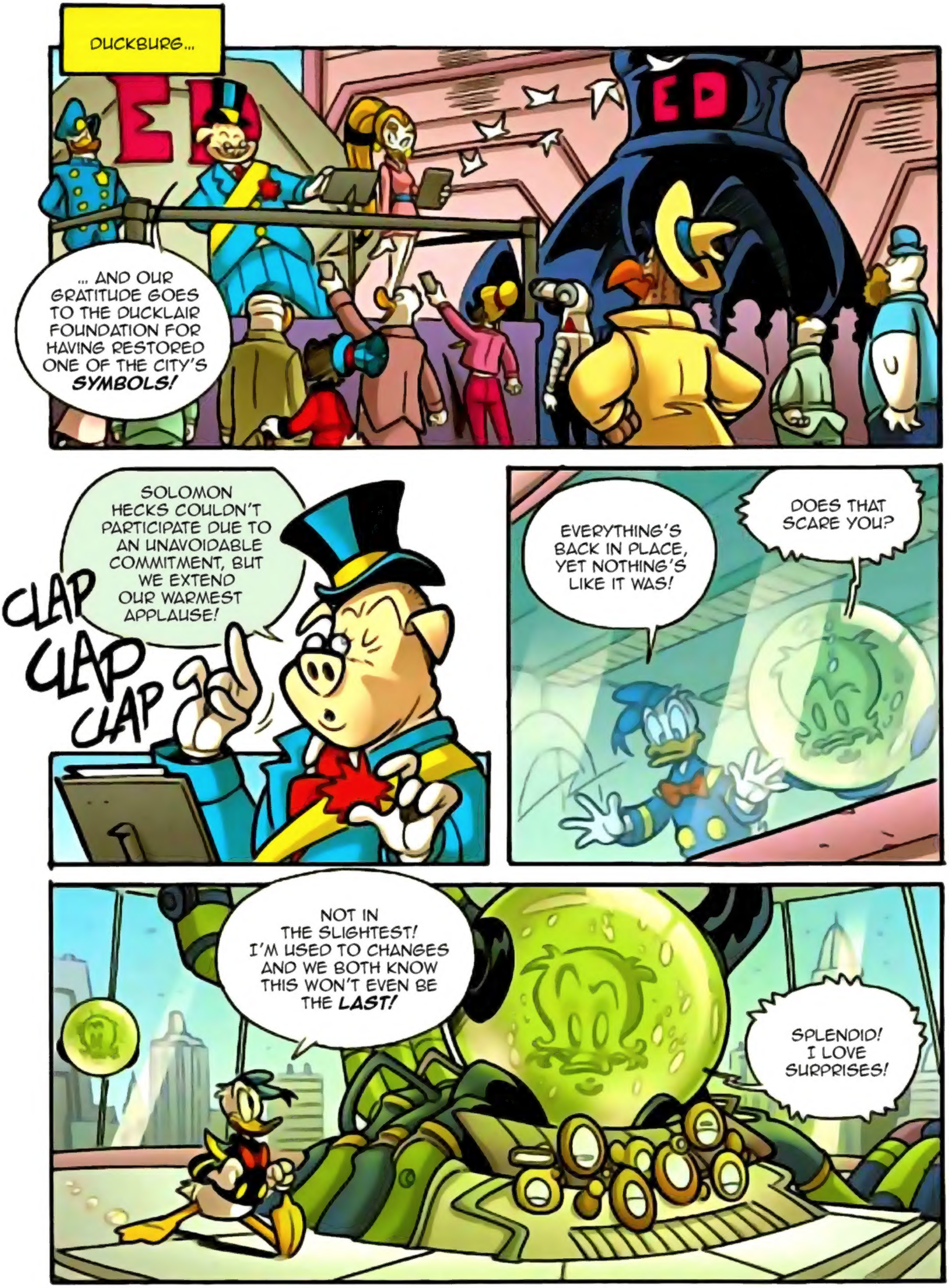





SO, WHAT NOW?
WHAT WILL YOU DO NOW, EVERETT?
THAT'S SIMPLE, MY FRIEND! I'LL START OVER!
A NEW CYCLE IS ABOUT TO BEGIN ON CORONA! MY PLACE IS HERE, AMONG MY PEOPLE...
... AND BY MY DAUGHTER! WE HAVE SO MUCH TIME TO MAKE UP FOR, BUT I THINK WE CAN SUCCEED IN THIS VENTURE!
I'M SURE OF IT!


AND THEN WE WILL GET TO LOOKING FOR KORINNA! THAT WILL BE OUR NEXT CHALLENGE!
HOW? THAT RIFT SENT HER TO ANOTHER DIMENSION!
JUNIPER HAS SENSED SOMETHING! A CONNECTION, A NOTION... THE SPECIAL BOND BETWEEN THE TWO HAS ALWAYS BEEN STRONG AND SO WE WILL FOLLOW IT!
GOOD! IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP HOPE ALIVE! THE FUTURE LOOKS LESS SCARY THAT WAY!
THEN I HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN SOONER OR LATER, EVERETT! IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE TO FIGHT BY YOUR SIDE!
DO YOU HAVE TO LEAVE ALREADY? THE SPACESHIP THAT I'VE PUT TO YOUR DISPOSAL CAN WAIT...
BUT DUTY CALLS! THE RAIDER HAS SOME URGENT CRIME WAITING AND I HAVE A CROCODILE AT HOME, SO...
SO NO GOODBYES! SEE YOU SOON, AVENGER!
SEE YOU SOON, EVERETT! AND WELCOME BACK...


"... NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE AGAIN, THE UNIVERSE IS A SAFER PLACE!"
WRECKAGE, SIR! DEBRIS AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE! THE REMAINS OF A SPACE BATTLE, A DISASTROUS COLLISION OR SOMETHING OF THE KIND! THE TECH IS ALIEN...
SO MUCH DESTRUCTION! NO SIGNS OF LIFE?
THAT IS THE BEST NEWS, YOUR EXCELLENCY! LOOK WITH ALL YOUR EYES...
... WE HAVE FOUND SOMETHING!
THIS IS A GLORIOUS DAY! BRING IT ABOARD!
YES, MY EMPEROR!


DUCKBURG...
... AND OUR GRATITUDE GOES TO THE DUCKLAIR FOUNDATION FOR HAVING RESTORED ONE OF THE CITY'S **SYMBOLS!**
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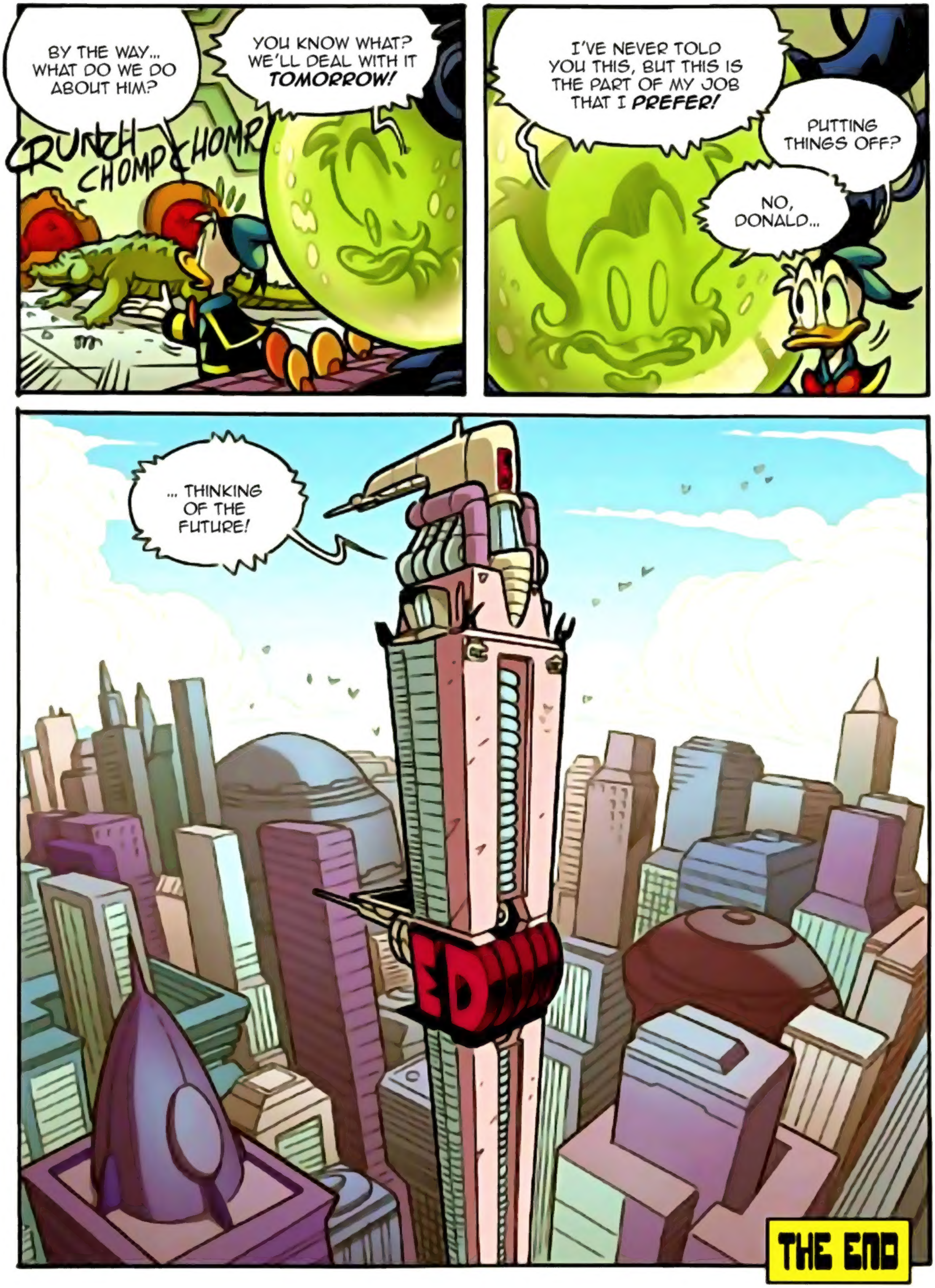
SOLOMON HECKS COULDN'T PARTICIPATE DUE TO AN UNAVOIDABLE COMMITMENT, BUT WE EXTEND OUR WARMEST APPLAUSE!
CLAP CLAP CLAP
EVERYTHING'S BACK IN PLACE, YET NOTHING'S LIKE IT WAS!
DOES THAT SCARE YOU?
NOT IN THE SLIGHTEST! I'M USED TO CHANGES AND WE BOTH KNOW THIS WON'T EVEN BE THE **LAST!**
SPLENDID! I LOVE SURPRISES!


BY THE WAY... WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT HIM?
YOU KNOW WHAT? WE'LL DEAL WITH IT *TOMORROW!*
CRUNCH CHOMP CHOMP
I'VE NEVER TOLD YOU THIS, BUT THIS IS THE PART OF MY JOB THAT I *PREFER!*
PUTTING THINGS OFF?
NO, DONALD...
... THINKING OF THE FUTURE!
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THE END